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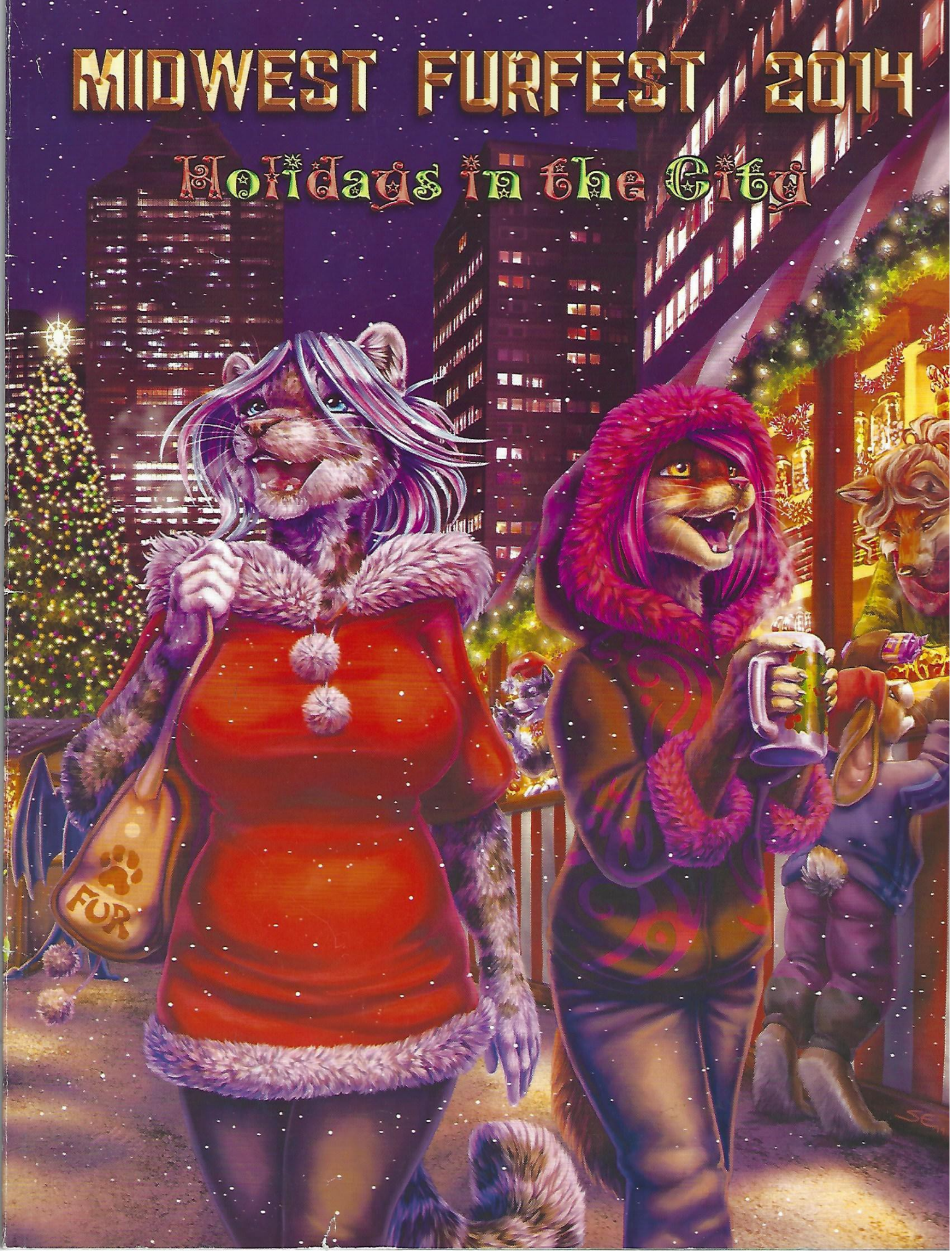
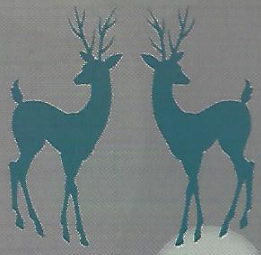
Holidays in the City





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December 5–7, 2014

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

WELCOME to the 15th annual Midwest FurFest! "Holidays in the City" seems like a fitting theme for our new (more frigid) date. We truly appreciate everyone's understanding and consideration with this change. Though it presented many challenges for all of us, this early December date should allow us to grow and thrive at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare we love so much.

As with previous years, the Hyatt Regency O'Hare's parking staff will be giving priority to Midwest FurFest guests who are staying at the Hyatt. However, there are many additional parking options in the area and the parking staff will be happy to point you in the right direction (https://www.FurFest.org/page/parking). In turn, they have again kindly given us free WIFI in guest rooms and most areas of the lobby! O'H American Grill will once again offer discounts on their buffets and Red Bar and Perks will be creating and tasty, Midwest FurFest- themed drinks!

A great new addition this year is the Rosemont Entertainment Circulator, a free shuttle that stops at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center entrance, the Rosemont CTA Station, MB Financial Park at Rosemont (right in front of Hofbrauhaus), and at the entrance to the Fashion Outlets of Chicago mall. The shuttle runs every 15-20 minutes into the wee hours of the night, and provides an easy way to get to and from all of the excellent restaurants in the area. For maps and operating times, see the Restaurant and Services Guide.

Our Guests of Honor are truly amazing this year: Nick and Lacy of the very popular costume business, Fursuiting.com; the abundantly talented furry artist, Sabertoothed Ermine and brilliant comic writer and artist, DWalker.

Critter Camp Exotic Pet Sanctuary (http://www.crittercamp.org/) is as happy to attend Midwest FurFest as our charity this year. For over ten years, Critter Camp has rescued and housed exotic species as well as provided valuable training and information regarding the challenges of exotic pet care. Please help Critter Camp by visiting their booth, bidding in the Charity Auction, participating in the Charity Poker Tournament or donating at the Kage and 2 the Ranting Gryphon Charity Show!

This is my last year as Chairman. It has been an honor to work with the industrious and determined staff of Midwest FurFest. Our staff invests themselves completely into this organization in order to provide you with an entertaining weekend. Please take the time to thank our staff as they are the reason this convention is so successful. In turn, we need all the help we can get, so if you would like to get involved please come visit the Information Desk and offer your services as a volunteer. Not only are you helping this weekend, but this might be the first step in becoming the newest member of the Midwest FurFest staff!

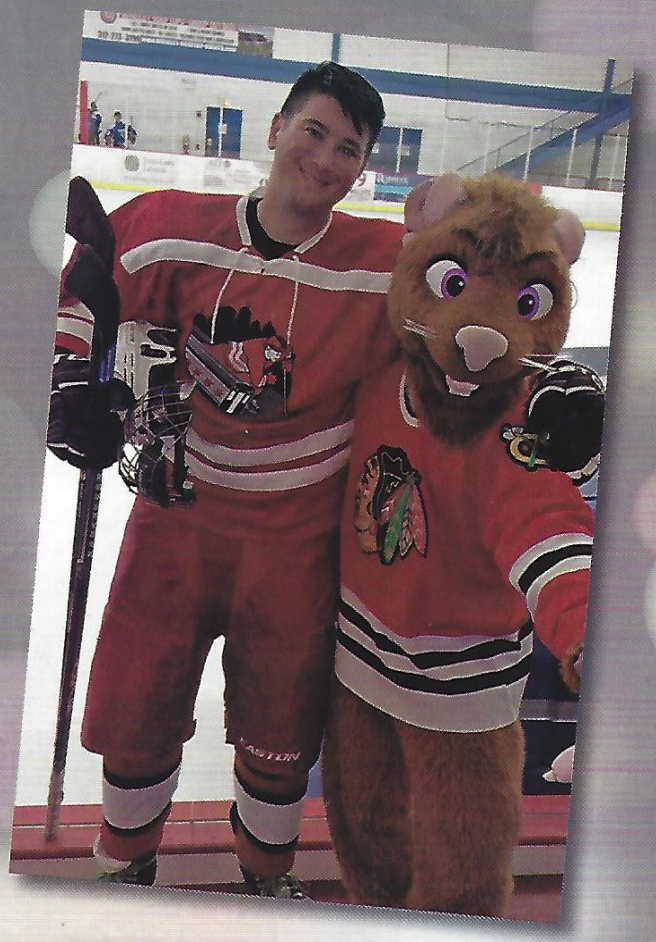
Don't miss any of our incredible programming! Please refer to our schedule (http://sched.FurFest.org/) for times and room locations or to Twitter (@MidwestFurFest) for any last minute announcements.

Thank you for your patronage and I hope you have a fantastic convention!

Very Truly Yours,

Toby "Perro" Murono

CHAIRMAN, MIDWEST FURFEST 2014



Lady Ducky

FurVilla

Furvilla is your next free browser-based game!

Furvilla is an in-development game for furries and anthropomorphic animal lovers. Furvilla focuses on teaching the player's furry villagers jobs, interacting with other players within the villages' economies, and developing creative personalities for your villagers.

Your villagers can live in Oceandome with mer-furries, pirates, and underwater explorers, Quetzal Palace with guardian angels, fairies, and astral beings, Dragonmaw Manor with demon reapers, were-furries, and trick-o-treaters, Olde Foxbury with medieval warriors, royalty, and steampunk, or Tigereye Peak with mythical creatures, ice sorcerers, and villagers with cute, fluffy winter pelts!

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GUESTS OF HONOR

LACY & NICK OF FURSUITING.COM

FURSUIT

Fursuiting.com is owned and operated by Lacy and Nick, a husband and wife team based in the Orlando, FL area. Combined, they have well over a decade of experience as professional fursuit makers. Lacy and Nick officially teamed up in 2007 with the goal to offer exceptional quality, highly customized fursuits.

Lacy originally began building costumes as a hobbyist around 2003. While it started as a hobby, it quickly turned into a full time job after completing her Bachelors of Arts degree in 2007. She also met her eventual husband and partner in suit building. Even after 7 years of running Fursuiting.com together, they still enjoy the creativity and inspiration that comes from building fursuits full-time!

SABRETOOTHED ERMINE

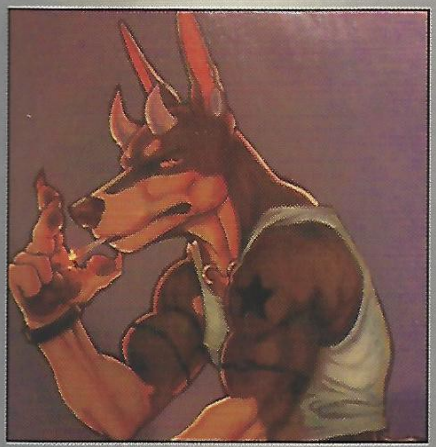
ARTIST

Sabretoothed Ermine (Ermine for short) has been a furry her whole life, but she didn't know for most of that time. From the time she could hold a pencil, she has been happily drawing cartoon animals and fantasy creatures at every opportunity. At the age of 16, she found the online furry fandom, began posting her own furry art, and soon started taking commissions.

Ermine loves the friendly furry community, the boundless creativity within it, and all the wonderful artwork. She has now been doing furry art as her full-time job for eight years, but despite that, art is still her main hobby and passion too, and probably always will be. Ermine is happily married and lives in beautiful British Columbia. She loves romping on the beach, Terry Pratchett, dancing to drum 'n bass, food and drink, BBC nature documentaries, and hilltops on really windy days.

DWALKER

ARTIST



DWalker/Kisle/NovaD0g has been into the furry scene since 1997 when he stumbled upon VCL (Velan Central Library, an early furry art archive). From there, his interest in furry fandom paralleled his interests in urban art, and then some. While he spent most of his time painting around the neighborhood he was fascinated with creating his own versions of anthropomorphic characters which evolved into an obsession to create characters for his own short stories and comics.

DWalker has been going to cons since about 2003, and has enjoyed finding friends and people with similar interests in furry art and how it has has influenced what he does creatively as well. Fast Forward some years later, he is now co-creator (with G. Michlow) of Dags. They spend almost every day talking new ideas and scripts for a comic they hope one day to see as an animated cartoon world.

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE - THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Thursday

	Grand EFGH	OHare Ballroom	United AB
6:00 PM			Registration
6:30 PM			
7:00 PM		Thursday Night BYOG	
7:30 PM			
8:00 PM			
8:30 PM			
9:00 PM			
9:30 PM	Thursday Dance		
10:00 PM			
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11:00 PM			
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12:00 AM			
12:30 AM			
1:00 AM			

Please see sched.furfest.org for the most up-to-date room assignments and times

Friday

	Grand ABC	Grand EFGH	Hasbrook	JFK	JohnWayne	La Guardia	Lambert	LAX	Lindbergh	Logan	McCarren	Midway	North Central	OHare Ballroom	Reagan	Rosemont	Sea-Tac	Sky-Harbor	Tech Center	United AB	Ventimiris
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2:00 PM		Meet the Gleeks of Horror																			
2:30 PM																					
3:00 PM		Your First Furry Convention						Furcast Roundtable									Furcast Safety 101				
3:30 PM																					
4:00 PM			Meet the Chairs!	A History of Avians				Furcasting Basics 101													
4:30 PM																					
5:00 PM		Fur Nonsense #1	Scattering Furry to Your Pockets																		
5:30 PM																					
6:00 PM		Spirituality Roundtable		Furry Psychology		So You Want To Sell In Artist's Alley		Achieving Furcast Head & Body Workshops	Charity Poker			Vixen Gaming	Furcast Roundtable	Table Top Gaming	Crewel Funding	Cabins Meet & Greet			Volunteering & the Student Fursuits	Registration	Virtual Sponsor Reception
6:30 PM																					
7:00 PM	Kajiit Story Hour	Trolls to Puppeteering						Hero U: Fursuit Performance							Furry HMMs		Dressmaking with Duck				
7:30 PM																					
8:00 PM	2 Tick Ranking Gryphon	Technology & Medicine Meet & Greet													Pursuit Dance Competition: Prelims						
8:30 PM																					
9:00 PM		Furry Fandom Q&A: Comedy Panel						Comparative Anatomy							Lyonne's Sketch Jam				Kickstarting Your Brilliant Plan		
9:30 PM																					
10:00 PM	Karaoke	Puppy Role Play 101													Pursuit Charades						
10:30 PM																					
11:00 PM															Pursuit Charades: Actor Oasis						
11:30 PM																					
12:00 AM	Friday Dance																				
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2:00 AM																					

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PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE - SATURDAY

Saturday

	See sched.furfest.org	Grand ABC	Grand EFGH	Hartsfield	JFK	Midway	North Central	Ohare Ballroom	Meigs	Rosemont	Stat Tac	Sky Harbor	Tech Center	United AB
8:00 AM														Registration
8:30 AM														
9:00 AM														
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10:00 AM														
10:30 AM		Sponsors' Brunch												
11:00 AM			PVS Rehearsal #2											
11:30 AM														
12:00 PM														
12:30 PM			Fursuit Parade Staging											
1:00 PM														
1:30 PM														
2:00 PM			Fursuit Parade											
2:30 PM														
3:00 PM		Charity Auction			Basic Fursuit Construction									
3:30 PM														
4:00 PM			Trivia Music Light Melee but they go Slow											
4:30 PM														
5:00 PM														
5:30 PM		Improv and Life on Stage: The Non-Fursuit Show												
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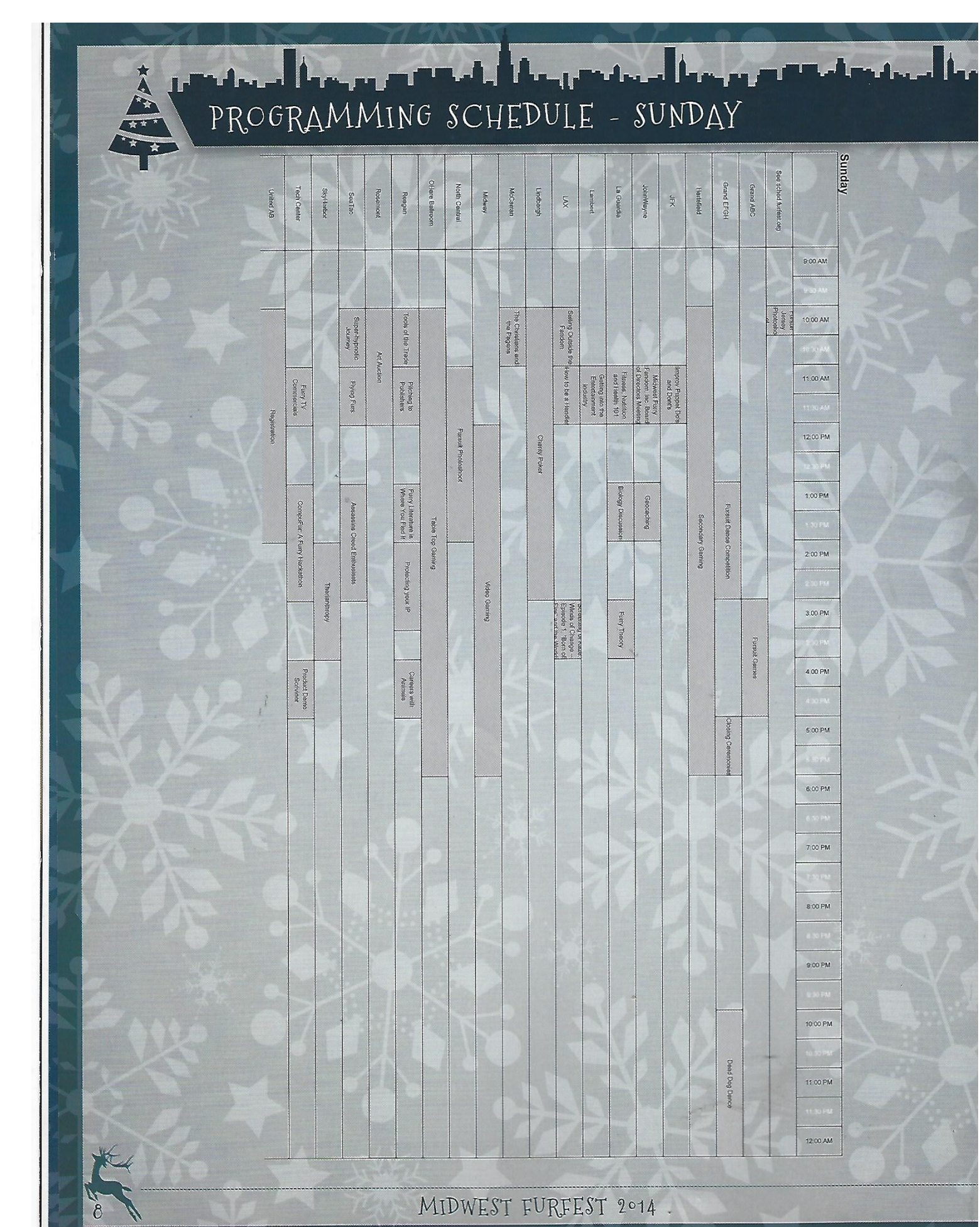
Daniel "Hoagieboat" Keller

FOXEE
In the frozen north there's a vixen
Whose loneliness can be felt
She tries to snuggle with snowmen
But she's so hot they melt!

Daniel S Keller 2014

Tig-Bun

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE - SUNDAY



Midwest Furfest 2014 Gaming Grid

Friday

	Open Board Gaming (O'Hare)	Gaming Function room #1 (Lambert)	Check sched.furfest.org for room	Gaming Function room #2 (Lindberg)	Gaming Function room #3 (Skyharbor) (Adult)	Video Gaming - Midway
3:00 PM	See Tabletop Gaming Grid					
4:00 PM						
5:00 PM						
6:00 PM		Two Rooms and a Boom! (Iggy)		Charity Poker		
7:00 PM			Kickstarting your Brilliant Plan (Gaming)			Xbox Kinnect: Dance Central
8:00 PM					Furoticon How to Play & Beginner Tournament	
9:00 PM						
10:00 PM		Lupus in Tabula (Tango)		*Advanced Lupus in Tabula (Alkali)*	Cards Against Humanity	
11:00 PM						
12:00 AM						
1:00 AM						
2:00 AM						

Saturday

	Open Board Gaming (O'Hare)	Gaming Function room #1 (Lambert)	Check sched.furfest.org for room	Gaming Function room #2 (Lindberg)	Gaming Function room #3 (Skyharbor) (Adult)	Video Gaming - Midway
10:00 AM	See Tabletop Gaming Grid			Charity Poker		
11:00 AM						
12:00 PM						Xbox Kinnect: Kinnectimals
1:00 PM				Poker Break (close room)		
2:00 PM						
3:00 PM				Charity Poker		
4:00 PM						
5:00 PM		Epic Changeling!	VG Trivia Quest			Super Smash Bros Tournament (Wii U)
6:00 PM					Furoticon How to play & Intermediate Tournament	
7:00 PM			Gamebuilding for Fun and Profit			
8:00 PM						
9:00 PM		One Night Werewolf	Meet Furry Game Designers	Lupus in Tabula (Iggy)	Cards Against Humanity	
10:00 PM						
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2:00 AM						

Sunday

	Open Board Gaming (O'Hare)	Gaming Function room #1 (Lambert)	Check sched.furfest.org for room	Gaming Function room #2 (Lindberg)	Gaming Function room #3 (Skyharbor) (Adult)	Video Gaming - Midway
10:00 AM	See Tabletop Gaming Grid			Charity Poker Finals		
11:00 AM						
12:00 PM						You Don't Know Jack!
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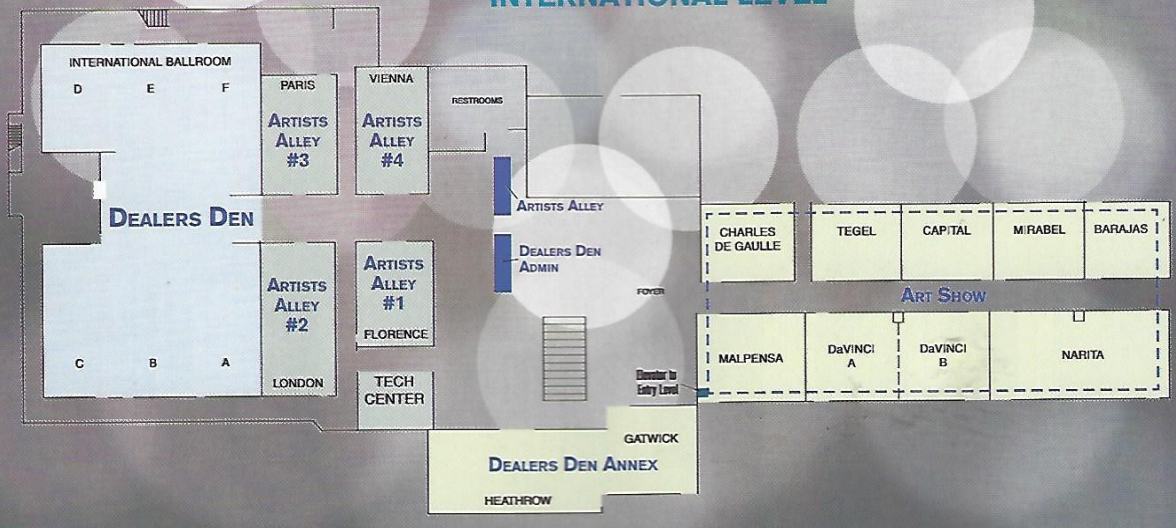
LOBBY & INTERNATIONAL FLOOR PLANS

LOBBY LEVEL

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL



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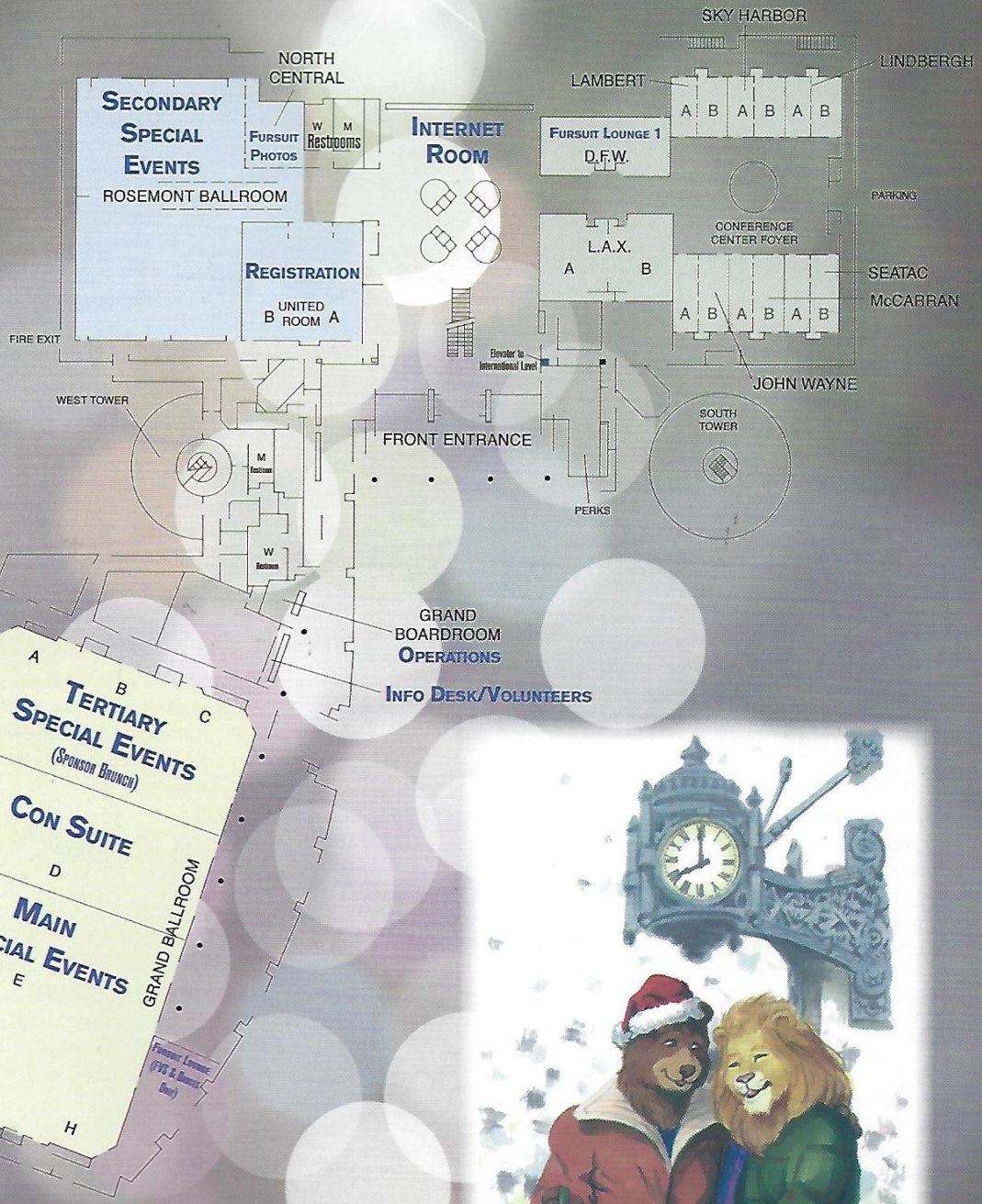

Chris B. Critter

PROGRAMMING DESCRIPTIONS

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby go Blind"

HOSTS: Kodi, Spork, Neo-Futurists

We are proud to welcome back one of the most talked-about events from last year's Midwest FurFest. The NeoFuturists are one of the most innovative theater groups in Chicago, and are the creators of the long-running play "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind". "Too Much Light..." is a rollicking, exciting, hilarious, thought-provoking, and at times interactive attempt to perform 30 plays in 60 minutes. The NeoFuturists will be preparing a performance specially tailored to Midwest FurFest and furry fandom; you don't want to miss it!

2 The Ranting Gryphon

HOSTS: 2 the Ranting Gryphon

Have you ever seen nerf kittens and dead babies fly out of someone's pants? Well, you won't see it at the Ranting Gryphon's show either -- but he'll certainly talk about it! Come and spend some time with 2, as he brings out the funny side of things we probably shouldn't be laughing at. This is an all-ages show.

Art Auction

HOSTS: Uncle Kage

Don't let those people who slightly upped your written bid walk away with that fabulous art! Show them who's got what it takes and knows what it's really worth! Besides, the auctioneers are always a hoot!

CATALA – LIVE (Amadhia "Dreamsong" Albee)

HOSTS: Albee

Join us for a concert featuring music from Amadhia's debut album, CATALA, and songs by Fox Amoore! CATALA -- a hypnotic blend of driving beats from around the world, bridging ancient and modern worlds through songs that range from techno to pop, steampunk to gypsy, spun together with the silver thread of Amadhia's 4+ octave voice. Bring your smartphone and Twitter account to participate in an exclusive giveaway!

Charity Auction

HOSTS: Linnaeus

Wonderful donated artwork and other mysterious donated items! Outbid your buddies, and grab the best stuff! Even better, you can be smug in the knowledge that your greed and good taste are also helping this year's charity. Every great item that you covet and win here is a donation that will help these hard-working folks continue their work. What could be a better deal?

Charity Presentation - Critter Camp

HOSTS: Critter Camp

Join Beth and the team from Critter Camp, MFF's 2014 Charity, as they discuss how they care for their pets, as well as have your chance for you to ask questions!

Closing Ceremonies

HOSTS: Perro, Woody, Kodi

Where did the weekend go? At the Closing Ceremonies for Midwest FurFest 2014, we'll let you in on anything you may have missed. We'll also be recognizing all of the talented winners of various contests held throughout the convention. And, at the end, we'll have a feedback/Q&A session to help improve Midwest FurFest for next year.

Floor Wars Dance Battle

HOSTS: Last-Fur-One Crew

Floor Wars is back again for the third installment at Midwest Furfest, and this year, we've got a massive change to our competition system! The dancing competition will be even fiercer as the finest dancers in the fandom, fursuiters and mundanes, clash once more on the dance floor for supremacy. Guaranteed an event you do NOT want to miss! Competitors please arrive 30 minutes early.

Furry Hockey Game

HOSTS: Kodi

While not officially sponsored by MFF, the annual Furry Hockey game is back at the Edge Arena in Bensonville; at the John St rink. All are welcome to come out to watch!

Fursuit Dance Competition

HOSTS: JD Puppy, Theome, Kodi, Thumper

The time has come to see who's got the best moves and who can shake their tails the best! All attendees are welcome to come witness the finalists of MFF's Fourth Annual Fursuit Dance Competition show off their performances for dance supremacy to determine who will be declared this year's best fursuit dancer!

Improv and Life on Stage: The Neo-Futurists

HOSTS: Neo-Futurists

Kage Story Hour

HOSTS: Uncle Kage

Uncle Kage is back! Kage leads a rather interesting life and he is back to tell us more hilarious stories from his unique perspective. With a dry wit, and a squinting view of the oddities of real life through the eyes of an intelligent cynic, Uncle Kage's Story Hour has become legend.

Kage-2-Gether - A Charity Performance

HOSTS: Uncle Kage, 2 the Ranting Gryphon

2-GETHER ON STAGE! Join "2" the Ranting Gryphon and Uncle Kage for a special performance for the benefit this year's charity! Come howl, bark, purr, and laugh with two of the furry fandom's comedic and entertainment legends in this special duo comedy show just for the Castaway critters!

Meet the Charity!

Meet this year's charity, Critter Camp! Critter Camp is the only Exotic Pet Sanctuary operated solely by volunteers that is USDA licensed, 501(c)3, and accepts only small unadoptable unusual pets - no wildlife, cats or dogs or farm animals. They take in abused, abandoned and otherwise homeless small exotic pets, and are based in German Valley, Illinois.

Meet the Guests of Honor

HOSTS: Perro, Takaza

Come on by to find out all the interesting details of their work and their interests. This will be a question and answer session, so please fire up your curiosity and bring on those intriguing questions we know you have. Please welcome our 2014 Guests: Nick and Lacy from fursuiting.com, Sabretoothed Ermine, and NovaDog

Opening Ceremonies

HOSTS: Perro, Kodi, Woody, Duncan

Join us for the official start to Midwest FurFest 2014, with last minute announcements and other interesting tidbits. Let's start the convention off with a bang!

Shiny Sponsor Reception

Midwest FurFest is pleased to welcome our Super Shiny Sponsors to a special reception in the breathtaking former restaurant at the very top of the Hyatt! Meet this year's Guests of Honor, enjoy a drink and a light snack, and mingle with your fellow Shiny Sponsors. Held at Ventanas, atop the Hyatt hotel.

Smack Down!

HOSTS: Takaza, Street, Uncle Kage, Atara, Dave Stein

Have you ever wondered what would happen if Santa Claus was put in a cage match against Frosty the Snowman? Our panelists return once again to discuss who would win and why for this hilarious tournament style event where only one character will survive! Mature language; viewer discretion is advised.

Sponsors' Brunch

HOSTS: Takaza, Kyne

A return to a Hyatt means a return to the fabulous Regency Brunch for which Hyatts are so well-known! The buffet includes omelets to order, smoked salmon, freshly-carved roast beef, French toast, and a brunch spread that has earned rave reviews from Midwest FurFest's sponsors for years! Better yet, you get to hobnob with the Guests Of Honor, and other special guests. It's just one of the ways that Midwest FurFest likes to pamper all the wonderful people who've become Midwest FurFest Sponsors and Shiny Sponsors. (Ask at Registration if you'd like in on this deal, as well as all the other awesome things we offer our Sponsors and Shiny Sponsors!)

ART & LITERATURE

Vivaldi Fox Music Show

HOSTS: Vivaldi Foxerz

A 60 minute music show filled with performances on different instruments and a wide variety of musical styles. Roots in classical music, jazz, rock, folk, alternative, and bluegrass, Vivaldi is here to perform for you. A one man band, Vivaldi Foxerz is bringing a few of his instruments with him such as the ukulele, keyboard, bass, and maybe even the tuba. He will be performing his original works as well as some covers. A native from Tennessee, Vivaldi is currently pursuing his masters in music performance in Illinois. He has performed at cons such as Furry Fiesta, Fangcon, RCFM, and MFM. His primary instrument and focus is in classical music. He has performed in Carnegie Hall, with orchestras, bands, and enjoys playing jazz music wherever he can.

3D Modeling for Beginners

HOSTS: Farran

Ever wanted to learn how to make 3D models? In 3D Modeling for Beginners, we will discuss the basic concepts you need to know to get started making 3D models of your own, and set to work with Blender, a popular free 3D modeling tool. To get the most out of this panel, please bring a computer and the latest version of Blender; a mouse with a scroll wheel will be helpful, too!

Convention Horror Stories

HOSTS: Sara Joy

Crowd Funding

HOSTS: Jeff

Crowd funding websites are the best new way to generate investment capital for your independent creative endeavor. But what makes one project succeed where another similar one fails? Learn valuable insights from veteran croudsourcers that will help get your project funded!

Drawing Larger Ladies

HOSTS: Bloodhound

Bloodhound is well-versed in the realm of curvy gals, and she's here to share some of her tips and tricks with you! A sketchbook for doodling notes wouldn't be a bad idea!

Effective writing

HOSTS: Uncle Kage

Uncle Kage is not only a storyteller on stage, but also the author of several stories in print that have been published by Sofawolf Press and by Daw Books. Here he will share some tips and tricks for making a story come to life and for keeping the reader's attention until the very last word.

Furry Literature is Where You Find It

HOSTS: Mwalimu

Join us in this interactive panel to discuss the best places to find anthropomorphic stories both in and out of the fandom.

Life Drawing

HOSTS: Bloodhound

Lead by Bloodhound, you'll be put through the paces of gesture drawing, short-session poses, and more! Learning to draw from life is fundamental to a well-rounded artistic repertoire. Only those intending to draw will be permitted. (Adults Only!)

Lyenuv's Sketch Jam

HOSTS: Lyenuv

Come join Lyenuv for a low-key sketchbook exchange! Bring your pencils and do sketch trades with other artists!

Pitching to Publishers

HOSTS: Jeff

Which aspects of a submitted piece of writing catches a publisher's eye, and which will doom it to slowly drown under a paper pile of discarded dreams? SofaWolf's President will share his wisdom on this topic in the hope that it will give you the edge you need to get your next submission published.

Product Demo: Scriviner

HOSTS: Sasya

Learn how to use this versatile writing software and take advantage of it's features to improve your writing experience. 3 copies of the software will be randomly given away!

Protecting your IP

HOSTS: WyldeRottie

Learn how to use the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and even copyright registration to protect your art and how to identify what actually constitutes infringement.

Rare Candy for Writers: Save the Cat Beat

HOSTS: RajeshLion

Learn the secret of the "Save the Cat" unified theory of stories that has helped Hollywood entertain the world for decades, its model, and how you can utilize it to improve your writing.

Readings: Short Fiction

HOSTS: Arrow Quivershaft

Come read aloud your short furry fiction along with others. Anyone is welcome to participate.

Ref Sheet 101

HOSTS: Bobby Fasel, Sodalite

Learn the fundamentals of making a highly functional character reference sheet artist and commissioners alike. Pre-drawn templates will be available while supplies last.

So You Want To Sell In Artist's Alley

HOSTS: Reagan

Reagan will explain the ins and outs of selling at a furry con Artist Alley including: what to sell, how to price it, arranging your table, playing nice with your neighbors, and making that sale.

Why Furry? When Anthros Matter

HOSTS: Mwalimu

Learn what stories can benefit from anthro characters, and how best to incorporate anthro characteristics seemlessly into your stories for an improved immersive experience.

Writing 101 - The Basics of Story Crafting

HOSTS: Mwalimu

What are the basics of crafting a good story? Here we discuss the most important elements: creating memorable characters, plot and structure, setting, description, conflict, point of view, and world building.

DANCES

Dead Dog Dance

Cap off your con experience and wipe away those blues at the dead dog.

Fursuit-Friendly Dance

Additional lighting and lighter tunes in a more fursuit-friendly environment!

FANDOM

"3 Headed Monster"

HOSTS: Alkali, Xander the Blue, Pandez

Laugh yourself silly, at this live stand-up comedy show, featuring Alkalai, Xander & Pandez!

A New Introduction to Pawpeteering

HOSTS: Major

Pawpets, the low cost way to get to perform at a puppet show or even the MFF FVS - Furry Variety Show. Where to start if you don't have a puppet and how to get started in performance. Options of purchase of puppets. Creating characters or performers and unique puppets that can with items found in stores anywhere can become unique. Get a start at how to make your puppet perform, and even the chance to try with a real puppet. Modern technology has created new ways to practice and present performances. No puppets required!

Assassins Creed Enthusiasts

HOSTS: Morin Wolf

'Nothing is True, Everything is Permitted.' These are the words that symbolize the Creed. We work in the Dark to Serve the Light. Are you one of the Brotherhood? Come join with Grand Mentor Morin Wolf and Pyro Assassin as we discuss about the Assassins Creed universe. Talk about our favorite game(s), hold raffles for awesome prizes, answer questions and create a awesome experience for any who love Assassins Creed. Join the fun, join the Brotherhood, we will be waiting.

Avians Roundtable

HOSTS: Arrow Quivershaft

An open discussion for those whose personas are included amongst our feathery kin, or those who just want to talk about birds. Topics include bird stories, why people choose avian personas, and what we can learn about ourselves from our choices.

Canine Meet & Greet

HOSTS: Greg The Husky

Come on out you tail wagers, sit with us as we get to know our neighbors And lets talk about everything canine.

Careers with Animals

HOSTS: Dash Tiger

Dash Tiger hosts a panel about what its like to work with animals and discusses the pitfalls and possible career paths one can take. Dash is an Australian veterinarian who has worked with wildlife, zoo and domestic animals in three countries, and specializes in the anaesthesia of big cats. He is joined by Raspberry Roo, a senior zoo keeper and aquarist who has worked in both zoos and a major marine park. Want to know what its like to work with animals? Questions about how to go about it? Or just want see some great photos and hear some great stories? Then this panel is for you!

Charting Paradise: A Story of Self-Discovery

HOSTS: dragon_cushion

A performance piece chronicling the journey of personal insight via one fur's discovery and involvement in the fandom, dragon_cushion is very pleased to present a reading of "Charting Paradise" to an audience of his peers, in the space for which it was written: a fur con. Exploring such topics as external/internal judgment, creative growth, and delicious French toast, the piece is an extended poetic metaphor in a stream-of-consciousness style inspired by the works of famous performance artist Holly Hughes. The journey spans from the innermost doubts and emotions of the artist's mind outwards to encompass the fandom as a collective in relation to society and beyond. The performance will last about 20-25 minutes followed by a question and answer session in which audience members are invited to share their own experiences in discovering and becoming involved in the wonderful world of furry.

Comedy Basics

HOSTS: 2 the Ranting Gryphon

Learn from the master himself! 2 The Ranting Gryphon will discuss some of the common tips, tricks and writing ideas around how to create and deliver something that'll leave the audience laughing in the aisles!

CompuFur: A Furry Hackathon

HOSTS: Sam

Are you interested in developing desktop programs, mobile apps, or websites? Do you have a cool idea, but don't know how to get started? Are you an artist, graphic designer, programmer, or idea guy? Then you should check out CompuFur, a furry hackathon! What is a hackathon you ask? It's where people with different skills come together to make something cool. We'll match you up into small teams where you'll have all the talent to make the next FurBook, Angry Foxes, or Collar Crush! Bring a laptop, or tablet. We'll have lots of paper and other supplies to help you on your way.

Explaining Furry To Your Parents

HOSTS: 2 the Ranting Gryphon

Join 2 the Ranting Gryphon for some sage advice and unique thoughts on how to explain this wacky fandom to outsiders.

Fitness, Nutrition and Health 101

HOSTS: Takoda

Have you ever looked around in magazines and movies and wondered how they get to look the way they do? Are you interested in making your body healthier and achieving the aesthetic goals you'd like? Come one, come all and lets get that tail moving!! This panel is complete with a breif presentation involving: general diet and nutrition, focused nutrition to achieve desired builds, explanations of various exercises and what they are intended to do for you, and various sites to help you get started on your fitness journey. We'll wrap up with a QA session to remedy your curiosity.

Flying Furs

HOSTS: Vulan

This panel is for any and all aviation enthusiasts, from any aspect in aviation. From modelists, RC hobbyists, ATC, A&P, to pilots, all are welcome to this meet and greet.

Funday Pawpet Show - One cast member's Retrospective

HOSTS: Kuddlepup

The Funday Pawpet Show has been running for 15 years. It's watched by many on Sunday nights, and has hosted a colorful collection of characters over the years. Join KP in an interactive dialogue for those who want to know about the program, how it runs, and some of the zany backstage things that go on in this long running, internet based program. One cast member, lots and lots of stories.

Furry HAMs

HOSTS: Moto Fox, Karuza Dragon, Maliik

A gathering for all furs interested in Ham/Amateur radio. Come and chat about hardware and tech. If you've never seen a ham radio in use, we will have one with us and attempt to make some contacts outside if the weather allows! (dress warm!) All are welcome, but you must have an FCC amateur radio license to talk on the radio. We will be giving away one handheld VHF/UHF radio and we will also be offering the Technician license exam so that you can become an amateur radio operator yourself!

Furry Psychology

HOSTS: SteelTheWarrior

Have you ever wondered what motivates Furries in their choice of Fursonas, why so many enjoy fursuiting, why we suffer from Post-Con Depression, and some tips on how to handle intolerance from

both out and inside of the Furry Fandom? Join budding Psychologist SteelTheWarrior as he shares with you all things "Furry Psych" that he's learned both in his studies, and over 10 years of experience in the Furry Fandom! (18+ Panel!)

Furry Theory

HOSTS: Cisq

What does furry means to you? Why you have your particular fursona? Join an open group discussion about what it means to be furry and how the fandom has evolved over the years

Furry TV Commercials

HOSTS: Freddy Praul

Animals are a popular way to sell a product. We will be viewing and discussing TV commercials and deciding "What were they thinking?". Audience participation is encouraged.

Fursuit Jersey Photoshoot

HOSTS: November

This annual tradition continues as fursuiters are encouraged to wear their favorite jerseys and bring any relevant sporting equipment for a special photoshoot! If you have multiple jerseys, bring as many as you want as we will be doing separate photos for various sports such as hockey, football, soccer, etc. Spectators and photographers are welcome! Meeting in the Conference Center Foyer area.

Geocaching

HOSTS: Wildfox

Geocaching is a world wide treasure hunt game that alot of people take part in, even furries. This will be a meet and greet between many furry geocachers from all parts of the country and/or world, kind of like what we had last year. It would be JBadger and myself hosting the panel as well.

Getting into the Entertainment Industry

HOSTS: 2 the Ranting Gryphon

Ready to cut your teeth outside the fandom? Looking to make it big? 2 The Ranting Gryphon will share some tips of the trade, and some things to prepare for based on his own real-life experience in the industry. This is a great chance to listen, learn and ask questions from someone in the entertainment industry!

Improv Puppet Do's and Dont's

HOSTS: Kuddlepup

This is a candid 1 hour discussion about many "Do's" and Don'ts" when working with puppets. Have you ever watched a show where the puppeteer doesn't know they're boring the audience? Seen a show where someone's puppetry is so bad, it ruins the entire bit? We'll talk about why such things can and do happen, and what you can do to avoid them. In many cases, these tips will work beyond puppeteering as we'll talk about topicality, timing, and other things that can sabotage your show.

Ingress 101

HOSTS: ArtySkox

The world around you is not what it seems. Our future is at stake. You must choose to either enlighten the world for a better tomorrow or resist dangerous unknown forces. Ingress is an Android/iOS augmented reality GPS based adventure from Google where the world is your playing field. Come join agents DisasterSkunk, Cornwuff, and others to learn about the game and meet other players. Agents, it's time to move

Intro to Puppeteering

HOSTS: Kuddlepup

So you'd like to be a puppeteer. This is something anyone can do for fun, and this is a place to learn a bit about it. Join KP from the Funday Pawpet Show as he goes over some basics about choosing a puppet, how to manipulate one, and some fun ways to develop a little personality in a puppet character. (Bring a puppet if you like.)

Karaoke

HOSTS: Cinna Blackwood

Open Karaoke! Come show off your amazing (or not so amazing :) singing skills!

Much Ado About MUCKing

HOSTS: Dingo

A panel where people can meet, discuss and learn about MUCKs! MUCKs are text-based games that predate SecondLife and were used by many furs as a means to play as their character, collect items and make friends. Whether you're a veteran MUCKer or someone new, come join us!

Puppy Role-Play 101

HOSTS: Sprocket, Snoopy

From barks to wags, everything a human-puppy or their trainer would want to know about Puppy Role-Play, as presented by Sprocket and Snoopy. Please note: since this panel will involve frank discussions of an adult nature, no minors will be admitted. All attendees are expected to be attired in "con-appropriate" clothing throughout the panel.

Quitting the Fandom!

HOSTS: TK

A satirical presentation on quitting the fandom. No, but seriously...

Science, Technology, & Medicine Meet & Greet

HOSTS: Sodalite

A chance for anyone who works, studies, or is just interested in those fields to get together, find mutual interests, and network.

ScrapeGoat's Zombie Makeup Mega-Panel

HOSTS: ScrapeGoat

Got Braaaaaiiiinnns?! ScrapeGoat is a Masters-level costumer and fursuit performer who brings everyone the opportunity to learn how to create Hollywood-style Zombie makeup effects quickly and easily. Learn how to do cuts, bruises, bulletholes, compound fractures and horrific-

looking burn injuries! One or two lucky panel attendees will be used as 'demonstration' zombies! Also, tips and tricks for bringing out your Inner Zombie, performing in character and Ten Things You Should Not Do.

Screening of Kaze: Winds of Change – Episode 1, "Born of Fire" and the World Premiere of Episode 2, "The Crucible"

HOSTS: Albee

10 Years ago, Amadhia ("Timothy") Albee created a 1-person experimental short film, (KAZE: GHOST WARRIOR,) to show that small teams of dedicated, passionate artists _can_ create high-quality animated shows. Now... Amadhia continues the story of that samurai tiger, diving into his history, his forbidden romance, and the betrayals that shattered a kingdom! Join us for a Q & A with series creators and actors; and back-to-back screenings of episode 1 ("Borne of Fire") and the world premiere of episode 2 ("The Crucible"). Experience this Illustrated Radio Drama featuring the voices of some of Furry Fandom's hottest stars including: Tren Sparks, Alex Vance, Dr. Samuel Conway, Lilypad, and Amadhia herself – with illustrations by Alector Fencer, Balaa, Bloodhound Omega, Thornwolf, and more!

The Dragget Show Live

HOSTS: Alkali, Xander the Blue

Join Xander the Blue and Alkali for a live recording of the popular podcast "The Dragget Show." Join them as they hit on the topics that you want to hear like "Why did that bum just kick over a garbage can" and "What happens when you break the shower door" Come for the podcast, stay for the charity story.

Tips of the Road

HOSTS: November

Always wondered how the guy next to you got that cheap ticket? Ever cursed the airline for running a sale the week AFTER you bought your ticket? Tired of driving to every con, but every time you look at airfares you break out in a cold sweat? This is the panel for you! Learn how to find and book the cheapest fares, from Kalendil and November, two furs who spend a whole lot of time up in the air.

VapeCast Live- Comedy from Canada

HOSTS: Amixeduppup, Terminal, Welnis, Strangebreed

A comedy podcast right from the Great White North, 18+ for language and content.

Wrestling With Furs Podcast Live

HOSTS: Crash, Tigron, Roxas, Xander the Blue

Hosted By: Roxas, Xander the Blue, Tigron and Crash McCloud Oh, you didn't know? Come join a live recording of the weekly podcast as we discuss the past, present, and future of the WWE, TNA, indie promotions, and beyond! All of this talk about the squared circle, and it won't even cost you $9.99. Be there!

Your First Furry Convention

HOSTS: Perro, Woody, Uncle Kage

What to expect at a furry convention, how to behave, pitfalls to avoid, and just what the heck are all those black sketchbooks about, anyway?

Youtubaloo & the 3hunna Fursuits

HOSTS: Prawst

"Youtubaloo arrives on The Third Coast with a special selection of the year's top viral videos and other multimedia clips which have flown under the radar. For years, youtubaloo has drawn crowds and sent their collective sides orbital at conventions along the west coast, and finally it will make it's debute at Midwest Furfest! Come, bring your friends and be entertained!"

FURSUIT

Advanced Fursuit Head & Body Techniques

HOSTS: Snap Tiger, Lacy & Nick

Join Lacy & Nick of Fursuiting.com and Snap of ByCats4Cats to learn advanced fursuit head and body-suit construction tips and techniques from the experts.

Basic Fursuit Construction

HOSTS: Ocicat

There's a lot that goes into fursuits. Stop on by and see how everything comes together! This panel will cover basic patterning, constructing simple feet, paws, bodysuit, tail; choosing materials, and basic finishing techniques.

Creatures and Demons of the Night, Meetup

HOSTS: Kodi

Not every furry-costume is cute and cuddly! We wanted to invite everyone with a creepy or scary character, costume or mask to come out into the night and meet up! Feel free to dress-up!

DT Construction

HOSTS: Lacy & Nick

Join Lacy & Nick of Fursuiting.com and Syber of MadeFurYou as they make a duct tape dummy, live! Whether you plan to make your own or commission a fursuit, DTD's are considered to be an integral part of suit construction

Fursuit Charades

HOSTS: Quasi Skunk

How much CAN you say, without really saying anything? Join us for all the fun and find out! Fursuiters are highly encouraged for this event!

Fursuit Charades After-Dark

HOSTS: Quasi Skunk

The much more .. interesting... version of fursuit charades.

PROGRAMMING DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Fursuit Cleaning and Care

HOSTS: Vulan, Sike

Pew! You stink! Fur clumping? Stains from mud on your feet? Body oder seeping through? Come to this panel and learn how to give your fursuit a make over, and smell clean again. From storage to washing, learn some tips and tricks to keeping your suit as clean as possible!

Fursuit Dance Competition - Prelims

HOSTS: JD Puppy, Theome, Codex

Are you the best dancer in the fandom? Do you have it takes to shake a tail feather? Come prove that you've got the moves to take you to the top of MFF's Fourth Annual Fursuit Dance Competition. Fursuiters/dancers will compete against one another for a chance to perform on the main ballroom's stage at the Finals!

Fursuit Games

HOSTS: Panda

Come join us for a fun and exciting event where you romp around in fursuit, entertain yourself and others, and play silly little games in order to find who is the best fursuiter of them all! This event is open to all who want to participate or spectate! This is a great opportunity to get exposure to your costumes, to see silly fursuiters play games, and take lots of pictures!

Fursuit Parade

Join us as fursuiters meet up in the hotel ballroom for what could only be the best in furry pageantry anywhere! This is a chance top march proudly with other 'suiters, and show off your furry finest to the rest of the con and purr-parazi! Meeting up at 1:00pm, Parade starts at 1:30pm SHARP!

Fursuit Parade Staging

Fursuiter-staging in the main ballroom to prepare for the parade. No photography inside the ballroom during this period, please. Parade starts at 1:30pm SHARP!

Fursuit Photoshoot

HOSTS: Dexcat, Cala

Work that tail! Stop on by and mug for our camera, and get some wonderful fursuit pictures to remember the con by!

Fursuit Roundtable

HOSTS: Ocicat

Come and get to know all of your fellow fuzzies! This is a great time to swap stories, see some wonderful fursuits, and get the lowdown on all the furry programming for the weekeend!

Fursuit Safety 101

HOSTS: Fay V

How not to die! A panel for new or prospective fursuiters to learn the tips and tricks to keeping cool, hydrated, dog bite free, and all the best ways to prevent a situation where EMTs cut you out of suit. We will be covering heat exhaustion, dehydration, handlers, hand signals, and more.

Fursuiting Business 101

HOSTS: Lacy & Nick

Lacy & Nick of Fursuiting.com, Snap of ByCats4Cats, and Syber of MadeFurYou discuss the challenges of starting and maintaining a full time fursuit business. Learn how these fursuit makers got their start, and some savvy business advice for artists and suit makers alike.

Fursuiting.com Official Photoshoot

HOSTS: Lacy & Nick

Come join us for the official group photoshoot for Fursuiting.com suiters!

How to be a Handler

HOSTS: Fay V

Want to fursuit, or help out someone that does? Learn to be a handler. The common hand signals, common techniques, and what things to keep an eye out for.

Intro to Fursuit Performance

HOSTS: Fay V, Ocicat

Human to Animal. Learn the tips and tricks to find your fursuit character and how to express yourself in suit. Fursuiters welcome and encouraged!

Suiting Outside the Fandom

HOSTS: Fay V

Break away and suit beyond conventions and meets! This panel is advice and guidelines for finding the right venue, interacting with non-furries, dealing with children, and the other things you'll run into while suiting outside the fandom.

Tools of the trade

HOSTS: Ocicat

Whether you're just starting to build fursuits, or you're a seasoned pro, you' ll need a basic understanding of some of the tools and what to pack (or not to pack) in that toolbox! This panel will cover general fursuit building supplies, uses, selection, and tool box must haves, as well as really hand equipment such as airbrushes, dremel tools, and heat guns.

FURRY VARIETY SHOW

Furry Variety Show

HOSTS: Robert King, Wildfox

The FVS is a non-competitive variety show. It's a bit of Vaudeville, and sort of like being on the Muppet Show. We all cooperate as a team, and we mix and match performers to acts as needed. If you have a "ready to go" act, we'll give you a spot. If you want to be in the show but don't have an act, join us and we'll add you to an existing act. We strongly prefer to have all of our actors featured as puppets or fursuits, or at the very least have some furry content. Our show will this year be held on Saturday at 7PM. We also will be holding TWO rehearsals (Friday Evening and Saturday Morning). You only need to attend one of these. If you have a choice, try to attend the Friday rehearsal. Since our show is now during

prime-time, we will be a bit stricter about adult content. Keep it PG folks! In rehearsal we lay down multiple "masking tape" stages on the ballroom floor so that multiple acts can work out their marks and their timing in parallel. The MFF Furry Variety Show also welcomes video content in the show if submitted in advance. See our web page for more details.

GAMING

Advanced Lupus in Tabula (Alkali)

HOSTS: Alkali

Come join Alkali for this MFF tradition. The always over the top game of Advanced Lupus in Tabula. All of your favorite cards will be returning along with a few new ones! There is a limited amount of space, so get together with your friends, and start yelling at strangers. Advanced Lupus in Tabula: "Werehampster's Revenge"

Cards Against Humanity

Charity Poker

HOSTS: Snowolf

Set sail for the world famous MFF charity poker tournament. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, this tournament will be an exciting and fun way to support our charity. Like last year, the tournament will follow the standard casino style and will include rebuy's and add-on's. As in past years, a $10 donation will grant you a seat at one of the three satellite tournaments with the top 3 players of each satellite moving on to the final 9 player tournament on Sunday. There will be prizes for everyone in the final tournament along with prizes for being on the "bubble" of each satellite. First prize will again be a sponsor membership for next year's MFF!

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Furoticon How to Play & Beginner Tournament

Come learn how to play Furoticon: TCG, back this year with a new college-themed expansion! Participate in free play, or, if you're feeling competitive, sign up at Tail Kiss Studio's Dealer Table for the Beginner Tournament, and duke it out for prizes against other Beginners! (Demo Decks will be made available.) (18+, Adults Only)

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Game Developers In The Furry Fandom

HOSTS: FoxB

Do you work in the Computer Games industry? Interested in Indie Development? A student working towards a future career in the industry? Come along to our informal meet and greet to find others like you. Attending will include industry veterans credited on titles such as Fable, Call Of Duty and Oblivion. Discussion includes topics ranging from Design, Code, Art, Animation and production. Whether you are here to get some career advice, have an indie project you want help with or just want to meet others we would love to meet you!

Gamebuilding for Fun and Profit

HOSTS: Charles Price , Ian Price, Harry Thompson

This panel both introduces audience to the important components of good game design and takes audience input to create the rough outline of a game. Harry Thompson is developing a video game, the other panelists have participated in developing card, board and role-playing games. While the game concept that will be developed in this panel will probably be a card or board game, discussion will cover the elements common to all games and those unique to specific types, whether tabletop or those using video/computer/phone platforms.

Kickstarting Your Brilliant Plan

HOSTS: Charles Price

Don't reinvent the Kickstarting wheel; learn from others' mistakes--and successes. Ian, Charles and Susan Price, the founders of Diamond Dust Dreams Inc., ran a successful Kickstarter in 2013, and have the game to prove it, Kitsune: of Foxes & Fools (KitsuneCG.com). But they have also put their second Kickstarter project (party game News Flash: Bad Decisions) on hold until early next year. Attend this panel to find out why, and how you can run a successful crowdfunding campaign for your Brilliant Plan.

Lupus in Tabula (Iggy)

HOSTS: Iggy

Welcome to the peaceful town of Tabula, where we name everything after tables but there's really only chairs. This is everyfur's favorite game of pointing fingers and accusations. This poor town is infested by cute furry werewolves that happen to enjoy feasting on the townspeople nightly. Every day, the town yells at each other until they take out one of their own on suspicion of being a werewolf. The werewolves (a fursuiter!) won last year, who will win this year? All players welcome; I will go over the rules and roles in use. If you are new, please show up on time so we can play as much as possible.

Lupus in Tabula (Tango)

HOSTS: Tango

A convention favorite so popular multiple games run at once. Groups of up to 18 players are secretly assigned roles within the village of Tabula. Together, the villagers must work out who the werewolves are they prey upon them by night - before their numbers are diminished too far. But werewolves may not be the only threat.

Meet Furry Game Designers

HOSTS: Tempe O'Kun, Callista Skip, Seppel

Have you ever wondered what goes into making an award-winning card game, especially a furry one? Come meet with the designers of two of the fandom's hottest card games: Nordguard and Furoticon. Whether you're a designer or a fan, stop in for this unique Q & A. Promotional cards will be given out during the panel! Adults only.

One Night Werewolf

Thursday Night Bring Your Own Games

Open Gaming for Thursday - Make sure to bring your own games along for these open sessions!

Two Rooms and a Boom! (Iggy)

HOSTS: Iggy

VG Trivia Quest

HOSTS: Noel, Stillman

Video Gaming

See separate Video Gaming Schedule in your Pocket-Program for more details

Whose Lion is it Anyway

HOSTS: Alkali

Join us for the original Whose Lion is it Anyway improv panel! This fully interactive panel will have you in stitches will you, the audience plays your favorite games with 2 of your favorite hosts! Come join us for a night of laughs and Alkali slapping his forehead.

BOARD MEETING

Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

The annual meeting for the Board of Directors for Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc., the parent corporation of Midwest FurFest. This meeting is open to the public. Please note that this meeting is intended for corporate, not convention, business. Issues with the convention itself should be brought to the feedback session at Closing Ceremonies.

NATURE & SPIRITUALITY

A History of Avians

HOSTS: Harle Raven

For millions of years, these striking feathered beasts flown and strutted across the globe. Birds captivate and inspire our hearts and our imaginations. Join us for interesting facts and discussion of everything bird!

Biology Discussion

HOSTS: Harle Raven, Farran

Meet with real life biologists (we do exist!) to greet one another or get geeky about biology. If you're thinking about a career in biology, come ask questions!

Cats.

HOSTS: Samii Tiger

With all of the fur and fluff, and the adorable tails, ears, and paws, there's something about cats that we've come to love. Let's talk about cats, being a cat, and how awesome cats are, because we all know it's true…

Comparative Anatomy

HOSTS: OtterDoc

Curious about the anatomy and physiology of domestic and exotic species? Interested in learning how nature has evolved predators and prey to excel in their ecological niche? Learn about the animal kingdom's perfection and hypothetical anthropomorphic adaptations from a veterinarian and one of the fandom's brightest artists.

Comparative Anatomy 18+

HOSTS: OtterDoc

Leave your taboos at the door! This panel is a tryst of fantasy and the unrestricted truth. Have a look at the mystery, wonder, and intimate details of reproduction in the animal kingdom as well as theoretical anthropomorphic creatures.

Depression Sucks

HOSTS: Skanther, Duck

Hear Skanther's story of attempted suicide, and how recovery led her to gain and maintain a mindset of hope. Managing your depression is not

impossible! Skanther will point the way as only one who has been there can.

Discussions with Duck

HOSTS: Duck, Harle Raven

This time, we will tackle how spirituality fits in the furry lifestyle. Is being spiritual important to being furry? Are they one in the same?

Guided Meditation

HOSTS: Tormod, Jesse

Join Tormod and Jesse for a brief break from the norm of Midwest FurFest with a spirited guided meditation exercise that will leave you refreshed, calm, and centered! There will be 3 individual 1-hour sessions.

Logic Vs. Spirit

HOSTS: Harle Raven, Duck, Cheesecake, Tormod, Fizz Otter

Is there a discrepancy between what is logical and what is spiritual? Do they overlap? Do they contradict? Come explore this and other questions with us.

Midnight Howl

HOSTS: Tormod, Cheesecake, Spiritwolf

The moon is so bright and full - let's bring it closer. Come help us howl down the moon... and maybe wakeup a few people who came a little to close to the animals. Meet by the ground floor entrance near the coffee shop 11:50pm.

Shamanism

HOSTS: Fizz Otter, Cheesecake, Spiritwolf, Jesse, Tormod

This panel will discuss what we mean when we use the word "Shaman", who Shamans are, and what they do. Join us, add your ideas into the mix, and maybe leave with some new ones.

Spirituality Roundtable

HOSTS: Cheesecake, Tormod, Jesse, Lunden, Skanther

Come meet the Spirituality panelists. We'll answer your questions about our other panels and be open for general discussion.

Super-hypnotic Journey

HOSTS: Duck

A superhypnotic journey into the depths of the soul in effort to release negativity and increase positivity.

The Christians and the Pagans

HOSTS: Spiritwolf

Holidays galore! Come join us in a respectful discussion about the many winter holidays and how they are similar and different from each other.

The Power of Dreams

HOSTS: Duck, Cheesecake, Tormod

Duck, a licensed therapist who works with dream analysis discusses the power of dreams and the symbols behind them. A mock dream summary and collaborative analysis will be performed.

Therianthropy

HOSTS: Tormod, Cheesecake, Samii Tiger, Spiritwolf

How often do you feel your tail, wings, horns, or other parts, even if they aren't physical? Join us for discussion and camraderie!

Transfurs

HOSTS: Samii Tiger, SnowKitty, Cheesecake

Furry --- human, body --- soul, male --- female. Is life one, the other, or somewhere in between? Join us for a discussion about the shades of gray, how they affect our spirit, and our every day lives.

Furry Variety Show

Come watch the Variety Show where furs present their talents for all to enjoy! Our show is a cooperative variety show. The acts are not judged. It's supposed to feel more like performing on vaudeville or the Muppet Show.

If you want to add your own act to the show, here are the rules:

1. Acts should be somehow "furry" in nature - preferably performed by fursuits and/or puppets. Video presentations are also welcome.

2. Acts have a time limit of 3 minutes (negotiable)

3. Acts should try to stay within a PG-13 rating (also negotiable)

If you have a "ready to go" act, we'll give you a spot. If you want to be in the show but don't have an act, join us and we'll try to add you to an existing act.

If your act needs special lighting effects or other spectacular effects, ask us and we will see what we can do. Also: Don't forget the theme of the con -- we will try to weave it into our format!

We reserve the right to reject acts which we deem unsuitable - this would include inflammatory content, personal attacks, or way-too-adult content.

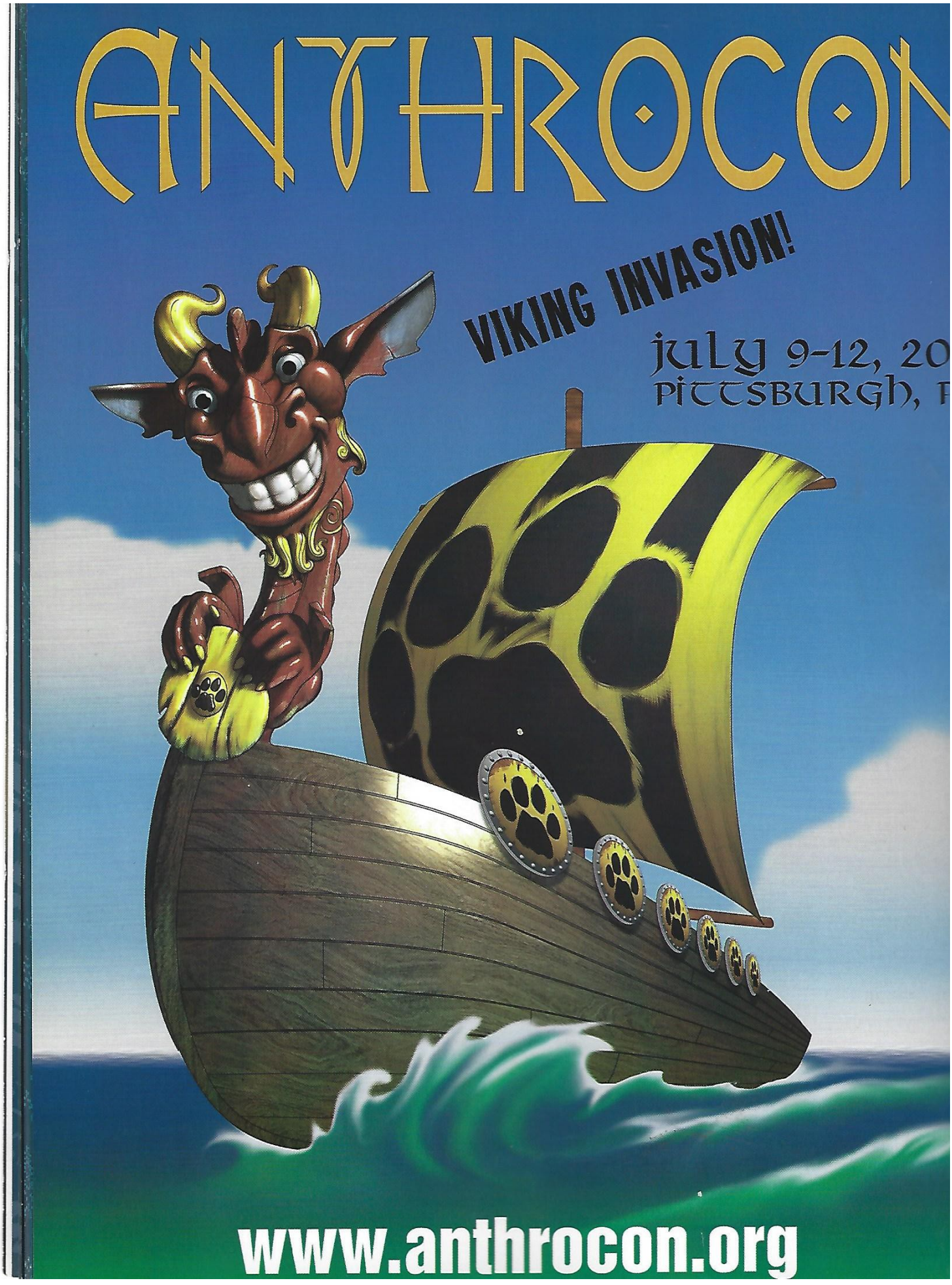
If you want to be in the show, or just have a question, send me a message at fvs@furfest.org.

We have an email list that we use for our primary planning. If you want to join us, I can add you to that list.

The show is held Saturday evening.

Performers must attend at least one of the two rehearsals. The first rehearsal starts on Friday evening. The second rehearsal starts Saturday morning. You may also be asked to attend a technical rehearsal if your act's tech needs are not fully resolved in basic rehearsal.

If your act has pre-recorded sound, Please burn us a CD with just your audio in classic (redbook) format.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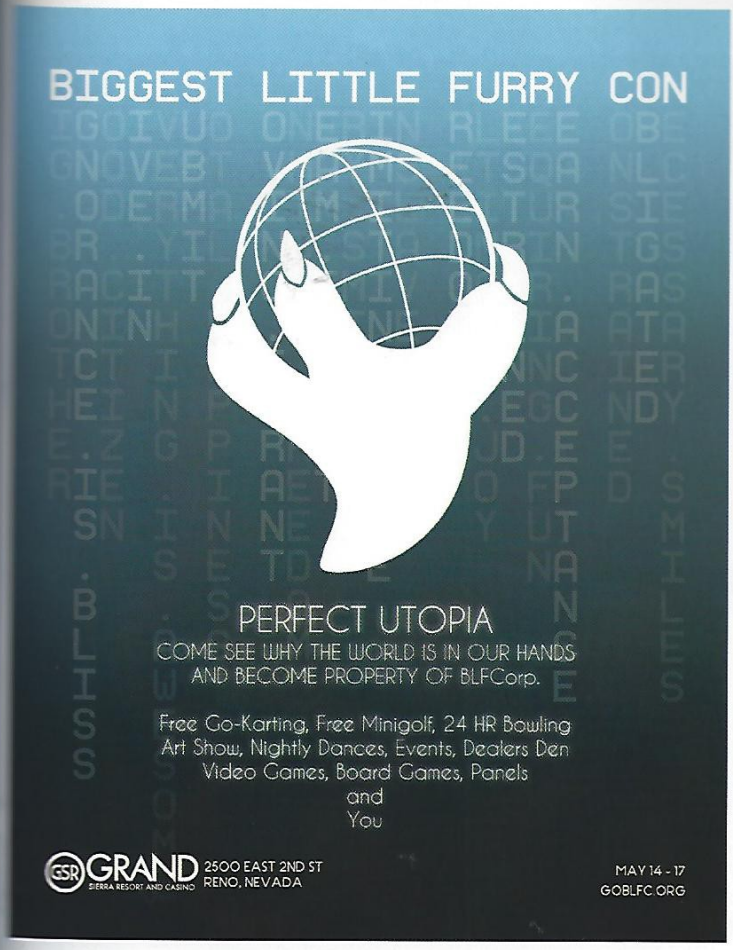
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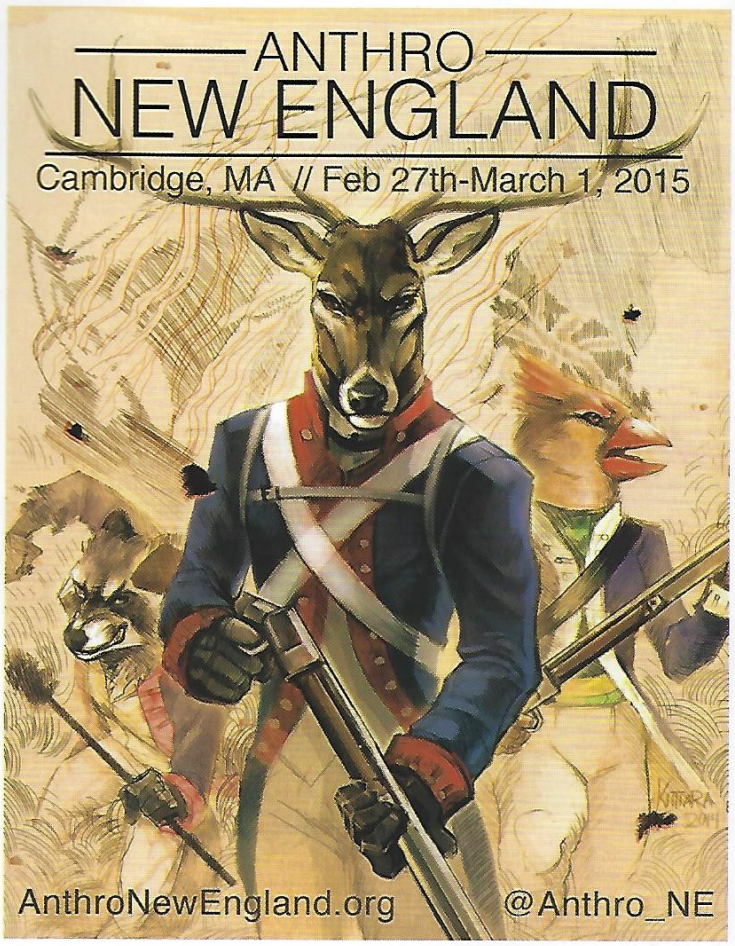

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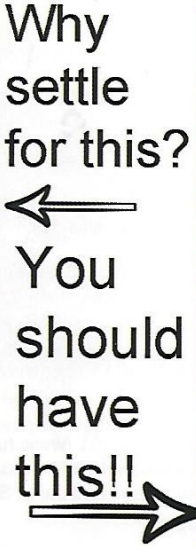

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DEALERS DEN

This year we have not one, not two, but THREE Dealers Dens: the International Ballroom, Heathrow, and Gatwick. All of them are located on the International Level, one level below the Entry Level. Please be sure to visit all of them. Note that Gatwick is an Adults Only room, with entrance prohibited to anyone with a minor's badge. In addition, there are two dealers set up in the Entry Level Foyer near Registration. As always, we are maintaining our tradition of providing a mix of new dealers and returning favorites with a wide range of opportunities to exchange your hard-earned money for t-shirts, artwork, jewelry, plush, zines, fursuit supplies, or whatever else you need. We do ask that you not bring any food or drink into the Dealers Dens.
The Dealers Dens will be open the following hours:

FRIDAY	**1 PM TO 7 PM**
SATURDAY	**10 AM TO 6 PM**
SUNDAY	**10 AM TO 4 PM**

The listing of dealers, their table assignments, and the location maps provided are accurate as of October 31, 2014. Check the sign at the bottom of the escalator on the International Level, as well as the signs outside each of the Dealers Dens for any changes.

MFF 2014 DEALER LIST

2, The Ranting Gryphon (**www.ranting-gryphon.com**) **Heathrow 13**
DVDs, CDs, Shotglasses, Glasses, Shirts

Art by Sandy Schreiber (**www.sandyschreiber.com**) **International 50**
Sketches, badges, prints and hand-painted china

The Art of Lady Ducky (**https://www.furaffinity.net/user/ladyducky/**)
International 85
Art prints, buttons, and commissions

Bad Dragon (**www.bad-dragon.com**) **Gatwick 1-4**
Adult Products

Bast's Garden (**www.bastsgarden.com**) **International 45-47**
Purveyors of dragons and other magical plush creatures, wearable wings, minature sculpture, artwork, commissions

Bella Chassen (**www.bellachassen.vpw.com**) **International 29**
Fursuit fashion accessories, sketchbook covers (embroidered)

Bodastone (**www.bodastone.com**) **Entry Level Lobby**
Custom 3D Scanned / 3D Printed Figurines of attendees

BushyCat, **International Foyer**
Adult furry art, custom tails, badges, comics, paintings, commissions and an assortment of oddly-themed furry artwork.

Cara Mitten aka 'Ironfeathers' (**caramitten.deviantart.com**)
Heathrow 2
Furry, Fantasy and Sci-fi Original Art, Prints, Shirts, Jewelry and other fun Merchandise! Custom commissions also offered.

Carpet Shark Studio (**https://www.weasyl.com/~dook**) **International 79**
Custom Illustrations, Convention Badges, Prints, Misc. Memorabilia

Club Stripes/Peaches and Cream (**www.luvpeaches.com**)
International 14-15
Books, comics, art, posters, buttons

Con*Tact Caffeine (**www.contactcaffeine.com**) **International 20**
Anthro themed handmade soaps, solid perfumes, stickers

CoolSuiting.com (**www.coolsuiting.com**) **International 88**
Cooling systems

Cooner Arts! (**cooner.johntoons.com**) **International 18**
Sketchbook sketches, portfolios and CDs

Copper Tree Synthetics, LLC (**www.coppertreesynthetics.com**)
International 55
Fursuit supplies: Silicone Hand/Feet Paw Pads, Claws, Fans, and Led Kits.

D.Bruin's Art and Prints (**www.furaffinity.net/user/dbruin/**)
Hartwick 12
Original art and prints

Dags A Day (**www.dags-a-day.tumblr.com**) **International 74**
T-shirts, Stickers, Badges

Danji Isthmus (**www.furaffinity.net/user/danji-isthmus/**)
International 41
Art, crafts, prints, decals, buttons, stickers and more!

DARK NATASHA (**darknatasha.com**) **International 51**
Prints, matted prints, portfolios, calendars, sketches and badges

Dark River Pottery and Forge (**www.facebook.com/Darkriverpottery**) **International 23-24**
Pottery Cups, mugs, and other housewares

Diamond Dust Dreams, Inc. (**kitsunecg.com**) **International 21-22**
Kitsune: of Foxes and Fools, and possibly other card games, of my own creation.

Diana Harlan Stein (**naiadstudios.com**) **International 49**
Flat art, commissions

Diana Sprinkle (**dianasprinkle.com/**) **International 91**
Artbooks, prints, postcards, shirts, adorable pun animals, stickers, food cats, and other oddities.

Doirn / Lydia Paige (**www.furaffinity.net/user/doirn/**) **International 97**
Crafts and commissions

DrakonicKnight (**www.furaffinity.net/user/drakonicknight/**)
International 56-57
Resin bases and parts, Silicone products, premade fursuit pieces, and badges!

Dreamkeepers (**www.dreamkeeperscomic.com**) **Heathrow 9**
Graphic novels and other books along with stickers, buttons, bookmarks, commissions- and free posters to anyone who stops by.

DEALERS DEN (CONTINUED)

Dreamvision Creations (**dreamvisioncreations.com**) **International 80-82**
Fursuit parts made of silicone, plastic, flexfoam and rubbers such as masks, jawset, tongue, eye, and horn kits.

Exotic Erotics (**www.exotic-erotics.com**) **Gatwick 5-6**
Adult novelty toys

EZcooldown (**www.ezcooldown.com**) **Heathrow 8**
Cooling vests for fursuiters

FableFire (**www.furaffinity.net/user/fablefire/**) **International 36**
Prints, Originals, Doodads (and maybe shirts)

Feral Works (**www.feralworks.net**) **International 32**
Masks, ears, horns and sculptures

Foxloft Studios (**foxloft.com**) **International 89-90**
T-shirts, Tagua Totem Jewelry, Artwork, Originals and more!

FurPlanet Productions (**FurPlanet.com**) **International 5-7**
Furry books and comics

FurrHappens (**www.FurrHappens.com**) **Heathrow 10**
T-Shirts, Badges, Prints, Fursuit Parts

Furry Dakimakura (**furrydakimakura.gostorego.com/**) **International 87**
Pillowcases, plush toys, t-shirts, wall scrolls, mousepads, card games, and stickers

Fursuiting.com (**www.fursuiting.com**) **International 83**
Showing off fursuiting work

FursuitSupplies.com (**www.fursuitsupplies.com/**) **International 34-35**
Fursuit supplies such as faux fur fabric and balaclavas, fursuit parts such as paws, hats, and tails, and more!

Furvilla (**www.furvilla.com**) **International 86**
Artwork prints, pins, t-shirts containing content from our new game, Furvilla.

Fuzumi (by RavenMoon) (**www.fuzumi.com**) **International 8-9**
Handmade fursuit items (handpaws, footpaws, ears, collars, tails),a animal hats, handmade plushies. Also accepting custom fursuit commissions on site.

FZ, LLC (Fetish Zone) (**www.fetishzone.net**) **Gatwick 7-8**
Adult Products

gBlazeWear, LLC (**gblazewear.com**) **International 10-11**
Custom hand crafted strap works such as, collars, leashes, wrist/ankle cuffs, harnesses, etc. I customize and construct my products to order on site.

Gideon's Corral (**www.gideonscorral.com**) **International 17**
Art CDs, Badges, Sketchbook artwork, Printed materials, original art

Heather Bruton Illustration (**www.heatherbruton.ca**) **International 48**
Art prints, bookmarks, stickers

Hibbary (**hibbary.deviantart.com**) **International 92**
Prints, commissions, original artwork

Honeck Sculpture (**www.honecksculptures.com**) **International 76-78**
Bronze fantasy sculpture, goggles, pocket watches, doorbells and knockers, walking sticks, cloak clasps, pendants, miniature animals

Ice Pony. **International 53-54**
Fursuit harnesses and accessories, MCFC promotional material

JenKiwi (**www.furaffinity.net/user/jenkiwi/**) **International 63**
Badges, Commissions, Prints and Original Drawings, "Gumdrop" Miniature figurines/sculptures, buttons, stickers, charms, and painted ornament

The Jeweled Horn. **International 100**
Custom commissions (badges, paintings, sketches), limited run prints, premade badges, and vinyl stickers, original art charms.

Jill Costumes (**www.jillcostumes.com**) **Heathrow 6**
Unique, one of a kind finished dance masks, custom mini badges, stickers and decals, artist-designed fursuits and more.

Just Peachie (**justfcknpeachie.com**) **International 19**
Original Art, Prints, Badges, Butt Hurt Bunny Merchandise, Tattoo Flash and Plushes.

Kanderin Creations (**www.furaffinity.net/user/keeatah**) **International 58-59**
Fursuits and accessories

Kipper/Crafty Critters (**www.furaffinity.net/user/kipper/**) **International 12**
Art/fursuit parts

The Knotty Fox (**www.theknottyfox.com**) **International 68-70**
Collars, cuffs, bracelets, and more made out of parachute cord; Dragon figurines, statuettes, and other dragon items, and other craft items

Kyote (**www.furaffinity.net/user/kyote**) **International 61**
Illustrations, Prints, Commissions, Badges

Lagarto Custom Leather (**buylagarto.com**) **International 30-31**
Maker of custom leather: collars, cuffs, harnesses, belts, leashes, pet collars, and special orders.

Lemonbrat Studios (**www.lemonbrat.com**) **International 37-40**
Furry Fox Tail and Ears, Custom Animal-Like Fleece Hoodies etc.

Lizard Laminations and Art. **International 64**
Lamination and glass etching

Lone Star Laser (**www.etsy.com/shop/lonestarlaser**) **Heathrow 11**
Laser-Engraved glassware, barware, and other personalized gifts, as well as taking commissions for engraved metal badges and woodcut badges

Mango Island (**Mangoislandcreations.com**) **Heathrow 3**
Handmade plush and kigurumi pajamas as well as artwork and custom commissions

Marci McAdam (**www.frithcat.com**) **International 52**
Artwork, prints, magnets

Mary Mouse (**www.micecomics.com**) **Heathrow 7**
Ready to wear badges and over 250 premade Certified Tags to chose from! Prints, comics, trading cards and more!

MicroMascots (**www.micromascots.com**) **International 13**
Fursuit paws, tails, accessories, and on-site repair services

Misc Etc (**www.misc-etcetera.com**) **International 65-67**
Plushies, fursuits/fursuit pieces, Fuzzy Hero game system, jewelry,, and miscellaneous

DEALERS DEN (CONTINUED)

Mittymandi (**Mittymandi.tumblr.com**) **International98**
Original artwork

Mixedcandy (**www.mixedcandy.com**) **Heathrow 15**
Fursuits, fursuit parts and artwork

More Fur Less (**www.morefurless.com**) **International 99**
Fursuit props, custom canvas badges, custom dog tag badges, fursuit head raffle, fursuit bandanas. And more!

NightlineZ (**https://www.furaffinity.net/user/nightlinez/**) **International 100**
Watercolor commissions, art prints, bookmarks, stickers, keychains, mini sculptures, ect

Nyomi Naomh (**marycapaldi.com**) **International 93**
Art prints and originals, sketch and badge commissions, and small merchandise with my own designs: buttons and bandanas

OffWorld Designs, Inc. (**www.offworlddesigns.com**) **International 25-28**
T-shirts- Con shirts

OMG Pineapples (**omgpineapples.net**) **Heathrow 5**
Premade fursuits, fursuit parts such as feet and hands, fursuit care and repair supplies, and custom artwork

Onnanoko (**https://www.furaffinity.net/user/onnanoko/**) **International 95**
Custom badges, sketches, and prints.

PMoss (**www.furaffinity.net/user/pmoss/**) **International 94**
Commissions, T-shirts, Buttons, Sketchbooks and other handmade items.

Painteddog & Likeshine (**belibou.com / likeshine.com**) **Heathrow 1**
Sculptures, charms, badges, sketches

Pendragon Chainmail (**https://www.etsy.com/shop/PendragonChainmail**) **International 1-2**
Chainmail

Pipey Friends and More (**pipeyfriends.com**) **International 93**
Pipeys, scarves, window clings

Rabbit Valley Comics (**www.rabbitvalley.com**) **International 60**
Books, Comics, Magazines, Novels, Shirts, and More

Rainbow Lion Designs (**rainbowliondesigns.storenvy.com**) **International 84**
Furry and rave accessories

Red Owl Photo (**www.redowlphoto.com**) **Entry Level Lobby**
Green Screen Photos!

Sabretoothed Ermine (**www.ermineart.com**) **International 75**
Prints, stickers, greeting cards

Seward Street Studios (**https://www.etsy.com/shop/SewardStreetStudios**) **International 42-44**
Vinyl Decals

Skulldog Studio (**www.theskulldog.com**) **Heathrow 4**
Original artwork, stickers, shirts and other odds and ends, as well as on the spot commissions.

Sofawolf Press, Inc. (**www.sofawolf.com**) **International 3-4**
Novels, Graphic Novels, Misc Associated Merch

Space Cat Creations (**www.furaffinity.net/user/Spacecatcreations**) **Heathrow 14**
fursuit partial, tails, feet, hands, ears, accessories.

Studio Cute (**www.studiocute.com**) **International 16**
shirts, figures, art, jewelry

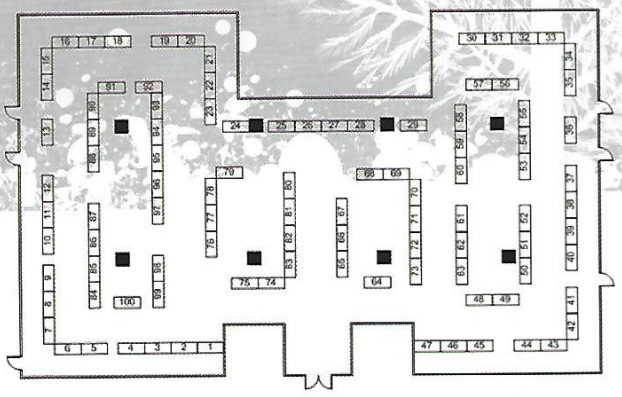
Studio Lobster Ball (**lobster-ball.deviantart.com**) **International 62**
Needle felted sculptures, and balloon animals

Tail Kiss Studio (**furoticon.com**) **International 71-72**
Furoticon - Adult Furry Card Game!

Tooiebird (**tooiedraws.tumblr.com**) **International 96**
Handmade sketchbooks, commissions, buttons, prints

Tygurstar Arttitudes (**tygurstar.tumblr.com/**) **International 73**
Original art, commissions, badges, small items

WildvsKings (**www.wildvskings.com**) **International 33**
A premade fursuit (mask) ears, tails, silicone noses, resin blanks, bone jewelry



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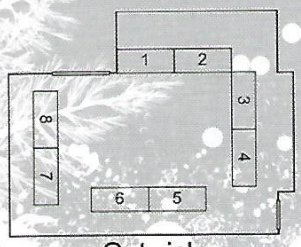

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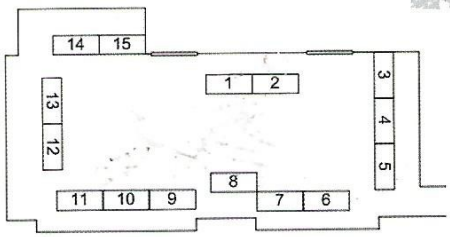

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Midwest FurFest Art Show

MIDWEST FURFEST is once again proud to host a large and diverse art show. You'll find many of your favorite artists here, as well as some you probably haven't seen anywhere else. We hope you'll take the time to tour the show, see the art, and bid on your favorite pieces. Enjoy the show! And don't forget to stop by and vote for your favorites in our Art Show Awards!

This year, we're once again on the lower (International) level of the hotel, on the opposite side of the stairs and escalator from the Dealer's Den and the Artist Alley. Our admin area is set up in the Charles De Gaulle room, and the whole hallway is devoted to the Art Show. So please come visit our new digs and let us know what you think!

Note that silent bidding runs until 7:00PM on Saturday evening, and we will NOT be prepared to take payment for art until we open on Sunday morning at 10:00AM. This year, we will NOT have Sunday Sales. If you want a piece of art, you must bid on it!

ART SHOW HOURS

FRIDAY:
Artist check-in begins at 10:00AM
Open to the general public from 1:00PM—6:00PM

SATURDAY:
Open to the general public from 10:00AM—7:00PM
Bidding ends at 7:00PM

SUNDAY:
Open for art pickup from 10:00AM—3:00PM
Voice auction starts at 10:30AM

YOUR BIDDER NUMBER IS YOUR BADGE NUMBER.

BIDDING PROCEDURE

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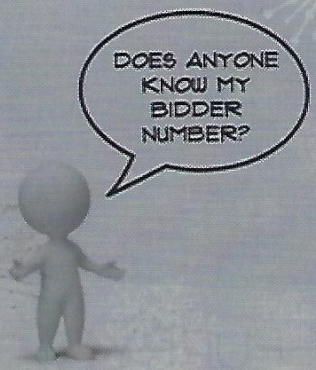
To purchase art, you must place a bid on the bid sheet that is attached to the piece of art that you are interested in. **Clearly and legibly** write your name in the space indicated, your bidder number, and the amount that you wish to bid. Each bid must be a higher dollar figure than the previous bid. **Your badge number found on your convention badge is your bidder number.** All bids must be in whole dollar amounts, bids with cents will be rounded up.

If more than five bids are on the bid sheet, silent bidding is closed on that item, and it will go to voice auction on Sunday morning. Do not write any further bids on a piece that has five bids; they will be ignored. If, at the close of bidding on Saturday night there are less than five bids on a bid sheet, the highest bidder on the sheet wins the piece of art.

Remember: by bidding on a piece of art, you are entering into a contract to purchase it. All purchased art must be picked up by 3:00PM on Sunday. If you do not pick up art that you have purchased, we will attempt to contact you after the con and arrange to ship it to you at your expense. If we are unable to contact you, a note will be placed in the registration database, and you will be unable to attend Midwest FurFest in future years until you pay for the art. Lists of winning bidders and art show pieces that will be in the voice auction will be posted outside the art show by 10:00AM Sunday morning (usually they appear sometime around 1:00AM or 2:00AM Sunday morning). Please check with us to make sure if you think you won a piece but do not see your name on the list.

Bidding will start to close at 7:00PM on Saturday night. We will perform a 'rolling close.' Beginning in the adult art section, we will close each panel for bids one at a time. This way, if you are competing for art on several different panels around the room, you will be given a fair shot to up your bid on each piece before bidding closes. The rolling close will take approximately half an hour. Security and art show staff will be present to ensure that no further bids are placed once a panel is closed for bidding. When all panels are closed, the art show will close to the general public so that staff may begin the audit process in preparation for sales and the voice auction on Sunday morning.



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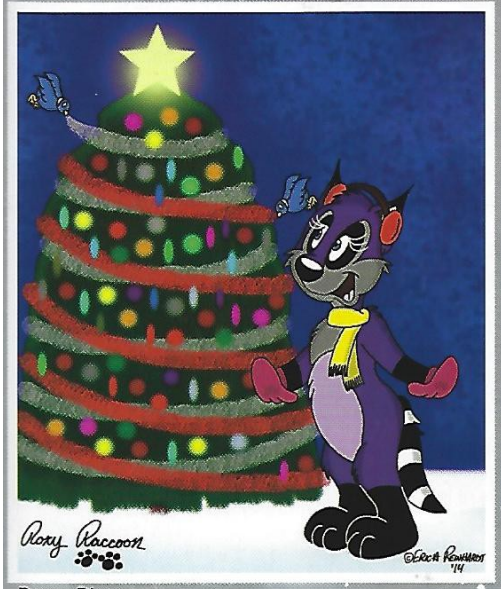

Danny Dingo

VOICE AUCTION

Art show pieces that have five bids on the bidsheet will go to voice auction on Sunday morning, beginning at 10:30AM. Adult show pieces will be auctioned first, after which time the auction will be open to all ages. Bidding will be run by the auctioneer, who will describe the process at the beginning of the auction. Once again, whole dollar amounts only, and **your bidder number is your badge number**. If there are no further bids at the voice auction, the piece will be awarded to the highest bid on the bidsheet.

ART PICKUP

Art pickup will begin at 10:00AM on Sunday morning. Please form a line outside the art show doors; no one will be allowed inside the art show without a staff escort. Please provide your badge number to your escort, who will then take you to your purchased art or bring it to you and direct you to the check-out lines. If you have won a piece of art in the voice auction, please allow art show staff time to get the purchase entered into the system before picking it up. Artists may pick up their unsold art at any time on Sunday. We do ask that all art be picked up by both artists and purchasers before 3:00PM. Special arrangements regarding art pickup must be made prior to Sunday with the art show director. Please come to us so we do not have to find you!

FROM THE ART SHOW THAT ORIGINALLY BROUGHT YOU
"CHECKS FOR THE ARTISTS AT CLOSING CEREMONIES"
COMES A FURTHER ADVENTURE...

ART SHOW AWARDS!

This year we will be awarding four major awards (with prizes, even!)

Two of the awards are chosen by The Powers That Be --
Director's Choice (chosen by the Art Show Director) and
Chairman's Choice (chosen by the convention's Chairman).
One will be chosen by the artists exhibiting in the show.

The fourth award this year is voted on BY THE PEOPLE!
That's right… it's all up to YOU who wins!

Winners will get bragging rights for the next year, as well as a complimentary membership to Midwest FurFest 2014!

So be sure to stop by the Art Show and cast your vote!

ARTIST ALLEY

Artists' Alley

Artist's Alley is a place for individual artists to offer their work, whether it be sketchbook commissions, prints, or other types of creative and unique artwork, all while having a good time!

Alley Hours:

FRIDAY	**Artist Signups:**	9:00am - 11:30am
	Setup for artists:	12:30pm - 1:00pm
	Open for business:	1:00pm - 7:00pm
SATURDAY	**Setup for artists:**	9:30am - 10:00am
	Open for business:	10:00am - 6:00pm
SUNDAY	**Setup for artists only:**	9:30am - 10:00am
	Open for business:	10:00am - 4:00pm

NOTE: Sign-ups will be available upon check out for the following day as artists sign out. Standby artists who were not seated will be automatically entered for the next day, unless specified otherwise.

Sign-ups and Seating: To enter Artist's Alley, artists must first sign up for a daily lottery at the Administrative table outside of the Alley rooms; a different one for each day of the convention. Artists who are seated may sign up for the following day as they check out (See signup hours below.) Names are drawn randomly for fairness in seating each day. If the standby list is empty, any available seats are handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Artist Alley staff desk. Artists must be present and signed in and at their table when the Alley opens. Any artist not present will be placed on standby, and the seat given to an artist that is waiting. Seats **cannot** be reserved before or after the convention. As each day comes to the designated closing hours, verbal warnings will be given by staff to each room. When close is announced, final transactions must be completed and each artist must clean up after themselves, removing all of their supplies from the room, and cleaning up their table and floor space.

Seated: If an artist is seated, he or she must arrive prepared with any required supplies to work before opening (A half hour is recommended.) From there, each seated artist will be assigned a number and will be allowed to seat themselves in one of the Alley's four rooms. **No artwork considered suggestive or adult will be allowed to be created, displayed or sold in the G-rated room.**

Standby: If an artist is placed on Standby, Artist's Alley staff will contact each artist on the list in the order the lottery picked them. Artists then have fifteen minutes to respond to our call (Both a shout to the local area and a phone call) and arrive, or the vacant seat will be given to the next artist on our list who is prepared and present.

Artist's Alley is not the Dealer's Den. Important differences include:

- Artists do not pay any fees to use the Artist's Alley, it is a service free to convention attendees
- Artists are not required to have an Illinois Tax ID number but must pay taxes to the State of Illinois
- Seats in the Artist's Alley are limited and chosen by lottery. You must sign up each day.
- Artists must bring in their art materials and/or items to sell each day, and **take them when they leave**.
- **There is no electrical power available in Artist's Alley**. Artists who use the outlets will be asked to leave.
- Space within the Alley is limited. Because of this, the area behind tables must be kept clear, and **no displays of any kind or clutter are permitted** there for safety.
- "Vienna" is for G/PG-rated artwork only, no mature art will be permitted to be displayed or sold.
- Explicit artwork that is not actively being worked on or shown discretely to a customer, must be covered/censored appropriately within "Paris", "London", and "Florence" .
- Table **displays must be no more than 14" tall, wide and deep**. We ask that any displays be set up within each artist's allotted space and must not block view or access to other artists or their displayed work.
- In addition to the display, each artist can have one sign advertising their name, prices and work.
- Artists may display limited merchandise for sale that they have produced themselves, but may not be exclusively selling premade items or items that they did not create. An artist at an Alley table **must** be able to actively work on art at their table.
- **Tables are not guaranteed at any time to any individual**. If there are violations of Artist's Alley, Hotel or Convention rules, or complaints of inappropriate behavior, artists will be asked to leave.

The General Rules:

- During open hours, artists **must** have the capability to or be actively engaged in creating original artwork at any time. Artists who have no capability to actively create work are not allowed to be seated.
- Each artist receives three feet of table space (a half table) to work within and must keep their belongings within their allotted space. Displays are limited to 14"x14"x14" and must fall wholly within their allotted space.
- All belongings and trash must be picked up when the artist signs out of a table. Items left behind that are located by Artist's Alley staff will be available for pickup at the Artist's Alley administrative table.
- Midwest FurFest is unable to provide electrical power in Artist's Alley. We are happy to allow artists to run to their rooms for services requiring a power without fear of losing their table space, if we are aware of it. A laminator will be available for use at the Artist's Alley administrative table, but artists must provide their own lamination sheets.
- Items generating an unacceptable noise-level are prohibited. Displays that utilize flashing/distracting lights or make noise are not appropriate and may not be used. Repeated complaints of excessive noise or disruption may result in loss of Alley privileges. Headphones are strongly encouraged for artists who wish to listen to music.
- The space behind the tables is limited and shared. Visitors or non-seated artists are not permitted in this space, unless it is to view purchased/commissioned artwork. Unnecessary clutter is not permitted at any time and the aisle must be kept clear. Backpacks, cases and other equipment must be placed against the wall or directly beneath the artist's table.
- Artist's Alley staff is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. We maintain a vigilant watch over the space, but cannot

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be everywhere at any moment.

- Tip jars or printed solicitations for donations are prohibited.
- All artists must remain seated behind their tables during open hours. Artists that wish/need to leave for any reason have **fifteen minutes** leave time from their tables. If an artist needs to leave for a time longer than fifteen minutes, we ask them to sign out and place their names back into the lottery for that day if they intend to return. (Artists with disabilities requiring more time will be permitted to do so.)

Ratings and Minors:

- **All artists must be aware of minors in their space and are responsible for doing so.** Minor badges are clearly marked and the Artist's Alley administrative table will have an example on display, so artists are aware of their appearance. Artists that sell, commission or display any adult work to a minor will be asked to leave the Artist's alley **immediately** and will not be allowed to return for the rest of the convention.
- Underage artists **must** be accompanied by an adult at all times. They are required to be seated in our G-rated room ("Vienna") and get priority seating here if they are selected as Seated that day. If there is no available space for a Seated minor artist within "Vienna," please be aware we will request an of-age artist move into an open space within our three remaining rooms to seat the minor artist.
- "Paris," "London" and "Florence" permit artwork of any rating, but explicit art **must** be appropriately censored/covered and contained in clearly marked bindings. Exceptions to this are only permitted when artwork is actively being created or when it is being viewed by a buyer/commissioner of age. Both exceptions must be done **discretely**.
- Artist-crafted physical items of an adult nature may not be displayed for sale in the Artist's Alley space. It may still be sold discretely to buyers of-age.
- Artist's Alley staff retain the right to ask that specific pieces be removed from display for any reason.

Sales and Merchandise:

- Only artwork created by or featuring the seated artist may be sold. For that reason we cannot accept agents, or people reselling another artist's work for them.
- Artwork must be appropriate to a furry convention space, and no more than half of an artist's displayed artwork may be non-fandom related.
- Sales are **only** allowed in Artist's Alley's four rooms. Artists may **not** set up and make sales in other convention spaces.
- Midwest FurFest has chosen to limit the type and amount of merchandise allowed to be sold in the Alley space. These rules and guidelines will be revisited on an annual basis, and may change year-to-year.
- For 2014, acceptable items for sale include the following: Original artwork (Art created by the seated artist, which can include collaborative work.) produced before or during the convention (including sketchbook commissions), prints of original artwork, books of original artwork and small crafted items (including: buttons, stickers, handcrafted plushes, figurines, swag, magnets and other small wearable items). Shirts, clothing, DVDs and CDs or performance/artwork may be sold within Artist's Alley but is limited to two displayed designs.
- Art that is **not** acceptable for sale within Artist's Alley include: Fursuit and costuming parts (including heads, paws, tails, armor and masks), consumables including any food and drink, copyrighted/trademarked items of any kind (including commercially produced plushes, clothing, buttons, toys, etc) and items larger than the allotted display space.

Taxes:

- Per Illinois law, any vendor selling items at Midwest FurFest is required to collect sales tax. The collection and remittance of taxes to the Illinois Department of Revenue is the responsibility of the individual artist. Information on filing can be found at the Illinois Department of Revenue's website (http://www.revenue.state.il.us/).
- Midwest FurFest is required to provide the names of all vendors to the Illinois Department of Revenue, and **we are not able to offer assistance with tax questions**. Required paperwork is available through the Department of Revenue's website. (Please note: The city of Rosemont's sales tax is 9.25%.)

Food and Drink:

- Beverages are allowed in each of the four alley rooms in closed containers **only.** Beverages in cups or cans are not allowed. All drinks **must** be sealed when not being consumed to prevent accidental spills.
- Candy and other finger foods may be offered by artists, provided they are in wrappers of some kind.
- Water cups or containers are permitted for the production of art.

Communication:

- Artist's Alley Staff will post any announcements and/or policy changes to this document at the administrative table during the convention. Feedback and comments will also be accepted here.
- Please be aware that we will require at least one method of contacting our artists for purposes of standby availability.
- Alley staff and Midwest FurFest cannot be held responsible for communications between artists and customers for any reason. Contact information provided by artists to the Alley staff is confidential and will not be shared with attendees without the expressed permission of the artist. However, artists are expected to provide customers with an appropriate method of contacting them, whether it be business cards, website links and so on.
- Questions at the convention can be addressed to the Artist's Alley directors: Frostbite (Frosty) and NallTWD, located at the administrative table.
- The Artist's Alley Staff has the final say on anything not immediately covered by the rules in any section of this document and are responsible for resolving any disputes regarding it.

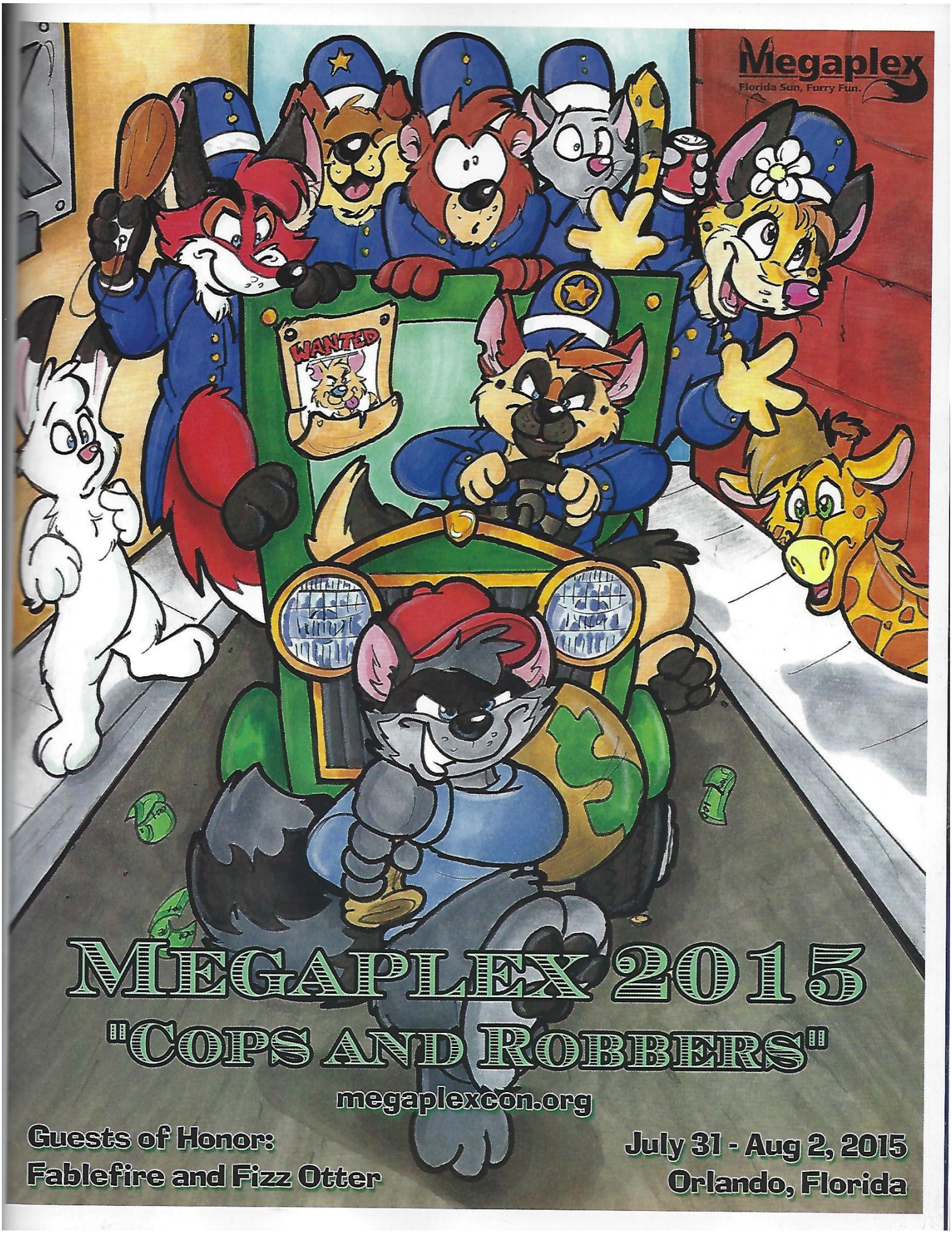
CHARITY - CRITTER CAMP EXOTIC PET SANCTUARY

Critter Camp
Exotic Pet Sanctuary
CritterCamp.org

Midwest FurFest is pleased to welcome Critter Camp Exotic Pet Sanctuary of German Valley, IL as our charity for 2014! Over the past ten years, Critter Camp has saved over 1,200 exotic animals of 36 species from across the United States. Most shelters aren't able to accommodate animals other than dogs and cats, so Critter Camp fills a great and underserved need.

Critter Camp currently provides a forever home for over 300 rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, foxes, rodents, birds, reptiles and other exotic pets that are unable to find a home due to health, temperment or other special needs. They provide information to pet owners and the general public on the challenges of exotic pet care to help keep these animals from becoming homeless or euthanized. We are delighted to be able to help Critter Camp in their important work, and we know that you will enjoy meeting them and some of their charges.

Critter Camp is a licensed, 501(c)3 non-profit volunteer no-kill shelter for exotic pets, and is on the web at http://www.crittercamp.org and on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/CritterCamp. Please join us in welcoming them!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Cheetah A/V Head

Crimson A/V Second

Foxworth A/V

Hypno A/V

JBadger Lincoln Kliman A/V
JBadger has not missed a Midwest Furfest yet. Jbadger has been part of the programming staff puppet track and A/V staff over some of these years. Happy to be part of this ever growing convention.

N'rasser A/V

Oddy A/V

Ratchet A/V

Spuds A/V

Xylen A/V

Alison Art Show
Art Show Staffing Director

Dan Skunk Art Show

Fauxreal Natasha Art Show
Glitter obsessed, candy loving, magic making furry animal control. I'm back!

Fireweaver Art Show
Nothing to see, move it along. I'll never... tell.

Grumble the lioness Bill A Art Show
Shy and has problems with facial expressions. INTJ, Electrical engineer, FPGA designer, C++ programmer, robot and animatronics builder. Competed in BattleBots, lasers, power line communications, solar heating... and still waiting for the LHC detector to be damaged since Hawking radiation does not make micro black holes shrink.

Kenju Art Show

Lush Lioness Art Show

Moryssa Misti Bonis Art Show Head
14+ years on staff, and 9 of them in the Art Show. You'd think I'd have it down to a science by now, but they keep throwing monkey wrenches into my careful planning... Hopefully the "sleeping" part of my carefully made plans will remain intact this year.

Palasm Art Show

Ryder Davenport Art Show

Sightblinder Art Show

Terry Art Show

Frostbite Artist Alley

Frostbite Artists Alley
30s/Yes/Boston. Arctic Fox, long-time MFF staffer - this year a co-director for the Alley. Not a fursuiter! Accepts sugar at any time in any quantity. Don't feed after midnight.

Kelshin Artists Alley
You can typically find Kelshin in an open field, braving the harshest climates in some far-flung corner of the world, all while trying to not get blown up. Outside of his fatigues, the dragon does love cupcakes if you happen to have one...

MLW Artists Alley
Blissful idiot by day and potato by night, MLW is an artist and crafter from the 'burbs of Chicago, IL. It enjoys gluten-free sweets and specializes in all things stoopid-cute.

NallTWD Artists Alley
Nall is still getting used to the odd traditions and culture of his new Midwestern home, and is still trying to convince the Milwaukee locals about the superiority of Tom Brady's QBing. Apart from being the only Patriots jersey around, Nall is spending much of his time playing Warhammer and planning his wedding to the lovely Nyxsiern.

Nyxsiern Artists Alley
Aside from her full-time role of keeping Nall in line, Nyxsiern is an artist and all-around wonderful person. When she's not sketching her signature Grumpy badges, she's tending to her adorable cats, Leo and Nimbus, and her new bunny Juniper. Come see her as the Artist of Honor at Fur-squared 2015!

SaxxonFox Artists Alley
A fox affixed to playing tricks. The music sounds, computers tick. This silver fox with purple ears still can't believe you're reading this. So never mind the poetry! Saxxon makes his electronic music freely available online. Go check it out: saxxonpike.com/music - it's not lame, promise!

Zannah Artists Alley
Zannah is old enough to know better, and young enough not to care. She has been drawing furries for decades, prefers to work exclusively in traditional media, and has way too many cats. She can be found in the vicinity of the artist's alley. Fair warning: do not caffeinate the fox!

Wolphy Andrew Miller
Assistant Charity Liaison

Andrew Miller, Assistant Charity Liaison, has been with MFF for several years, and has formerly been on security and served as the convention's treasurer. As an animal behaviorist and someone who has worked with animals his whole career, both companion and exotic, he is pleased to assist the convention's mission to assist animal related charities as the assistant charity liaison. He is currently a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC and is pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine to further his work with wolves and wolf x dog crosses.

Perro Toby Murono **Chairman**

Besides being a fake dog, I work in the legal industry, build fursuits, ride sportbikes and pedal bikes, ski, play hockey and am well versed in breaking bones and ligaments. I've volunteered for non-profit wildlife educational and research facilities in the past, and have worked both security and programming for MFF before taking the hot seat. This is my third and last year as Chair and will be handing over the reins to Woody for next year.

Linnaeus Paul Lester **Charity Liaison**

Paul Lester has been on MFF staff since it's first year, variously serving as hotel liaison, registration director, and con chair. He works in IT and dresses up as a fake animal in his spare time.

Alkali **Con Suite Front of House Head**

Kamiten **Con Suite**

Kieva Storm **Con Suite**

Kira Tora **Con Suite**

Kommodore **Con Suite**

mAdius **Con Suite Back of House Head**
[100 emoji]

Max Hykova **Con Suite Front of House 2nd**

Pan Shepherd **Con Suite**

Quasi **Con Suite Back of House 2nd**

Reaper **Con Suite**

Sargash Contola **Con Suite Back of House 2nd**

Shownp **Con Suite**

Zel Hamster Carl Johnson **Consuite**

Zel has been volunteering with MFF since its genesis in 2000, and staffing in the kitchens since 2010. He's still not used to the fact that he's not the weirdest guy in the room, not by a long shot. He can regularly be seen on the street corners of Chicagoland, dressed as a hamster and playing the viola for beer money.

ARC **Crowd Control**

After many years, Arc finally made his way out from the barren frozen wastelands of the internet and made it into the rest of the furry world. A friendly wolf that can't stop himself from helping out and enjoying the controlled chaos of MFF.

Dave **Crowd Control Second**

Part~E **Crowd Control**

Spacewolf **Crowd Control**

Tango **Crowd Control**
50% Wolf, 50% Husky, 100% capable of herding.
The people in vests want your wait for an elevator to be as short as possible and make sure everyone can get around the hotel safely - please listen to us!

Bast's Garden **Dealers Den**

Brendan **Dealers Den Head**

Besides attending science fiction cons for more years than he cares to think about, Brendan has been running the Midwest FurFest Dealers Den (or Room, as it was originally called) since the convention began and he decided to unleash his inner Furry. His four cats graciously allow him full run of the house as long as he remembers to feed them.

Cheif Dancing Bear **Dealers Den**

Sasho Windfeather **Dealers Den**

Wyldekyttin **Dealers Den Assistant**

Rob **Dealers Den**

Jazzy **Dealers Den**

Socks **Furry Variety Show**

Wildfox **Furry Variety Show**

Yarrick **Gaming**

A wuff from the Northwoods of Minnesota, Yarrick has been the gaming track head for MFF since 2010. An Avid gamer, Yarrick enjoys playing everything from social card games to miniature games with rulebooks the size of an encyclopedia. Come by gaming and join him for a game!

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Cryptowolf Gopher/infodesk
Cryptowolf is a husband, photographer, rucker, and chief gopher wrangler.

Duncan da Husky Tom Brady
Hotel/Social Media Manager Head
Duncan is the guy who talks to the hotels and the "voice" of the MFF raccoon on Twitter and Facebook. Now in his final year as part of the leadership team of Midwest FurFest, he is exceedingly grateful for all of the friends he has made and the incredible experiences he has had over the past fifteen years. He leaves knowing that the convention is in excellent hands for the future!

Dusk Dargent Hotel

Jen Hotel

Street Hotel Second
Probably not, but definitely maybe.

Dave David Perkins IT
During his second year on IT Dave has continued to increase operating efficiency through the application of gratuitous blinking lights, spinning gears, and touch sensitive smooth glass panes.

Daxter John Danaher IT Webmaster / Breakfix
Daxter, that red panda with a flair for the fabulous, a taste for technology, and a disposition for the deviant. I'm glad to be joining the MFF IT crew this year, and look forward to being more involved in this year's convention. This will be my third MFF.

digital_dragon Nate Roylance IT Director 2nd
Digi is a bit crazy but loves computers! Who better to help manage the tubes? The best thing about him is he has an inhuman ability to drink caffeine. Don't worry if you see him vibrating, he's just operating in two different planes at once.

Feartree IT FWA Team

Greymist IT FWA Team

Kiyo IT FWA Team

Metro IT Director

Nekomon IT Breakfix / Setup

Roho IT Software Dev / Breakfix
Roho escapes the city of Boston to once more return to the job of tangling cables and writing bugs. When not getting underfoot, he can usually be found chasing beer, or sitting at a piano pretending he knows what he's doing.

CajunFox Logistics

Edmon Star Logistics

Evan Li Logistics

Kalendil Logistics Head
Kalendil has picked things up and put them down again for Midwest Furfest since 2011. He likes this job, as it's much less stressful than other things he is tasked with in this hotel. His advice to all congoers: please use the "door open" button, not your hands or paws, to hold elevators. That way they won't break, and everyone will get where they want to go! :D

Kess Logistics

Pamf Logistics Second
A transplant to the frigid, windy city of Chicago from the warm, sunny skies of California, Pamf has been involved in the fandom for over a decade and staffed MFF for the last several years working behind the scenes with Logistics. Outside of toiling in his lab and staffing MFF, he can be found enjoying his love for all things with two wheels (motor- and bicycling) and playing ice hockey.

The Man Logistics

William H Yamagoshi Logistics

Aurora Jackal Operations

EddiKat Operations
Your helpful ops tiger. He will give your suggestion all the consideration it is due.

Edward T. Hyena Operations
Edward is an arctic hyena from Detroit. A member of the fandom since the 90's, he has recently been volunteering for a number of conventions, including the fine establishment of Midwestern Furry Festival. Goals include having a good time, helping makie sure others have a good time, and attempting that lofty goal of 6-2-1.

Giza White Mage Douglas Muth Operations
28% cheetah. Part-time White Mage.

Legonnare Operations

Mamasan Operations

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Nightflurry Operations
Some people don't think the Ethiopian Wolf be like it is, but it do.

Renegade, DI Operations

Shyhoof Operations

SmackJackal Operations
A jackal (sometimes rabbit) who spends his free time between autocross, motorcycles, and volunteering for fake animal conventions.

Stormy Kittyhawk, Steph Operations

Codex Joe Webster Operations - HR Lead
Helping to herd cats... and dogs... dragons... wolves... small woodland creatures...

Shyhoof Operations (Con Ops)
Shy currently resides in the San Francisco Bay Area where he works as a programmer. He is the Operations Director for Further Confusion and is volunteering with MFF for the first time. When he's not working on conventions or programming, he enjoys audiobooks and massively multiplayer games.

Takaza J. Wolf Dan R. Hauschild
Operations/Guest of Honor Liasion
Takaza is just a herding dog, working throughout the convention to make sure all the cats, and other animals are all working together. Efforts to add a roller coaster in the hotel have been unsuccessful but maybe next year...

Cala Photography
Dear sir or madam, thus is my bio. Sincerely, Cala. -Dictated, but not read.

GrayWolf Photography
Official Roaming Photograwolf. Smile!

K.P. Programming

Kodi Programming Head

Leasara Programming

Spork Programming Logistics Lead

Theome Programming Second
Always a pain, sometimes a raccoon, but never not interesting. Theome joined, and has been involved in the furry fandom both far younger and far longer than he is willing to admit. He is proud to have the privilege of now calling Midwest Furfest his home convention. Theome has been involved in helping with conventions of various types over the last decade, now including MWFF on the programming team. He has had the pleasure of helping make the MWFF and AC dance competition a reality, and continues to look for ways to foster a love of dance and performance in this wonderful community of ours.

Thumper Programming

Tekfox Programming - Dance
Original trapwags. Caucasian male. Bearded. Red hair. Glasses. Possibly disguised.

JD Puppy Programming – Dance Comp
Dance competition track lead. Champion sweat producer. TF fanatic and addict. Reacts positively to things over 18.
CAUTION: Occasionally suffers memory loss when in contact with alcohol.

Candis Programming - FVS

Robert Robert King Programming - FVS
A long-time furry, Robert started his journey with SF fandom and discovered furry fandom in 1987. He went to Confurence 2 and was inspired to start the Duckon furry track. Robert helped start Duckon with his wife Candis and they have also worked on Worldcons, Windy-cons, and Costumecons. Robert founded Midwest FurFest when the Duckon furry track grew too big and he acted as convention chair for MFF's first two years. He is also president of Midwest Furry Fandom, the corporation that puts on Midwest FurFest.

Socks Programming - FVS
I've been a part of the furry fandom for a long time. I've been involved with MFF programming for a while, doing a lot of video shows ("Weird Stuff found ont he Net") for a few years before taking to the stage for the Furry Variety Show. This will be my fifth year as Master of Ceremonies, and I'm honored to be a part of the show! Have a happy holiday season, and enjoy the con!

Treads Lightly Programming - FVS

Wildfox Programming - FVS
Hailing from the Fort Wayne, Indiana area. Active fursuiter for many years. Former puppet track lead for MFF. The name says it all about him as you never know what to expect from him. Beyond fursuiting... his interests range from sports to geocaching to My Little Pony. Been on staff for many years at MFF and always happy to call this con his home con since 2002.

Tormod the Madnificent
Programming (spirituality)
Gamer, writer, philosopher, IT monkey, "wolftsune" therian, music composer, QAer, producer, radio cohost, lover of scritches, affectionate cuddler, and relentless journeyer. Found in the southern reaches of Wisconsin, Tormod returns to MFF for his third year, with an almost twisted enthusiasm and strong desire for spirited conversation, tasty noms, and new friends! Anyone want snugs?!

Dire Programming Track - Art
Engineer. Writer. Wolf.

R.C. Rabbitsfoot Programming Track - Art

November Programming Track - Fandom
This is November's ninth consecutive Midwest Furfest and his all-time most-attended convention. He is the programming lead for the catch-all Fandom track and part of MFF's fantastic staffing crew. He can be easily found at poker, in the dealer's den, or roaming the hallways in fursuit identifiable by his blue and white scarf.

Theo Programming Track - Fandom

Ocicat Programming Track - Fursuit

Panda Programming Track - Fursuit
Panda is a long time member of the furry community and a long time costumer and performer residing out of the DC Metro area. Although he has one of the most unoriginal names in the furry fandom, Panda enjoys meeting new people, costuming, technology, and making fun things happen! This is Panda's first year as staff for MFF, but has been facilitating programming at other conventions for many years!

Dyno Guru Programming Track - Gaming

Sheltem Programming Track - Gaming

Terl Programming Track - Gaming

Yarrick Programming Track - Gaming

Cheesecake David Perez
Programming Track - Spirituality
Cheesecake hails from the Valley of the Sun. He enjoys the heat and sun there, and is still confused as to why he's venturing to Chicago in the winter... Either way, feel free to chat with him about table top RPG's, religion/spirituality, anime, or most anything else...if you can pin him down.

Tormod the Madnificent
Programming Track - Spirituality

DexCat Publications & Photography Head
MFF 2014 will mark my 10th year attending this convention! I've been on staff for 7 of those years with Publications and Photography. Stop by Fursuit Photoshoot and say hi, bringing me beer earns you extra points.

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pjfoxes Publications
In 2014, PJ has attended multiple conventions and events such as Elliot's Winter Carnival, Furry Weekend Atlanta, Frolic, Elliot's Spring Gathering, ACEN and Anthrocon. This is PJ's 2nd year on MFF staff in the publications department. He is often active in the local Chicago furry scene by attending CGHA hockey games and occasionally attends LAFF softball and bowling.

Blithe Registration Assistant Director

Chesheh Registration

Clemikou Registration

Cobra Shep Registration

Damion Registration

DaveQat Registration
Dave has officially been Doing This Crap Too Long. He lives in Chicago with his Player 2, accomplice, husband, unindicted co-conspirator, and accessory, Syn. He collects cats, tattoos, quotations, and is still learning the finer points of impulse control.

Dineegla Registration

Fyremane Foxx Registration

Geemo Registration

Kirah Janae Registration

Kotaru Registration

Kyska Registration

MacWolf Registration

Max Registration

Maximus Ursus Registration

mwalimu Registration

Ookamisuke Registration

Playful Kitten Registration

Rama Registration Director
Not only is Rama crazy enough to run registration, but is also crazy enough to be on the convention board. Hailing from St Louis, he has learned to do the drive between the two cities with his eyes closed...mostly. Living with his husband, he is gainfully employed running the websites for a casino company. He has been attending conven-tions since 1999 and has attended each MFF. Don't be afraid to say hi, but please understand if he is going in many directions at once. He hopes that your stay in registration is quick and not memorable at all.

Samii Tiger Milan Nelson Registration
Prior to joining the MFF Staff, Samii already had his paws in several conventions. Though the Winged Siberian Tiger is experienced in prodding stagehands and security officers to do his bidding, he's still trying to figure out how to lure furries. The catnip isn't working, though it evidently keeps him in the majority of the MFF Staff's good graces. Outside of MFF, Samii works in customer service for a major local retailer. When not at

work, Samii manages to experiment in the kitchen with new recipes, serve as staff for a few other conventions, manage the La Garou website and serve as their Pledge Master, and sing along with whatever song happens to be playing at the moment. He is an active member of the Lake Area Furry Friends community, a Heavy Fighter in the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), and has a penchant for costuming, whether it be fursuiting, adding a Steamy flair to his wardrobe, or dressing in period garb for the local Renaissance Faire and SCA events.

Sazume **Registration**

Snap E. Tiger **Registration**

Snickerdoodle **Registration**

Stevie Maxwell **Registration**

Syn **Registration Assistant Director**
Syn has lived in Chicago since 2002 and has been working for MFF in one role or another for more than 10 years. Syn serves as MFF's assistant director of registration and legal counsel these days. When he's not behind the reg desk, you can find him in the gaming room, at the dance, or in a room party.

Tevon Shadowcaster **Registration**

Samii **Secuirty**

Aidan **Security**

Autobot **Security Medical**

Blink **Security**

Brutus **Security Medical**

Cricket **Security**

Critter **Security**

Darsith **Security Shift Lead**

DataHawk **Security Head**
This space not intentionally left blank. It's been a long year. There have been good times and here have been bad. Let's end this year with a fantastic con, we all need a good one!

Devin **Security Shift Lead**

Drew **Security**

Elena **Security**

Fezik **Security**

Finn **Security**

Fray **Security**

Gabe **Security**

Gooph **Security**

Highwire **Security**

Hobbes **Security Medical Lead**

Hotrod **Security**

Inari **Security Shift Lead**
2008 was his first furry con, Midwest Furfest, and ever since, he's been hooked. Inari has been a part of the Security team at MWFF since 2010. You might just see him bouncing around, don't worry, he won't bite, he's Canadian after all.

Kritter **Security**

laptop **Security**

Laurie **Security Medical**

Leon **Security Medical**

Mug-z **Security**
Short and fuzzy with claws.

Noodle **Security**

Nyarlathotep **Security Shift Lead**

Pan **Security**

Pendragon **Security**

PIP **Security**

Pixie **Security**

Punk **Security**

Renee **Security**

Sailor **Security**

Sarge the Pup **Security**

Scrice **Security**

Straif **Security Medical**

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Susie Security

Switch Sade Security Medical

Teej Security Medical

Thug Security

Vegas Security

Vodalia Security

WarAngel Security

Yoko Security

Kyne/Rehli Sponsor Liaison Head
This is Kyne's 2nd year staffing for MFF. He likes barking, howling, Robert's Rules of Order and 401k-talk. Getting jiggy with it. #nananana-nanana

Littlewolf Vincent Lopez
Treasurer Assistant Director
After working 10 years at MFF, he's will become the con's treasurer in 2015. His fearless (soon-to-be) con chair mutt leader, Woody, has trained him to be an intelligent canine. Lets hope he doesn't bankrupt the con. Currently, Vince is a Licensed English Teacher within the state of Illinois. He currently teaches Freshmen English at a local High School. Their mascot is a cat. Boo! He is also looking at universities for his Masters/ Doctoral degree, to eventually become a College Professor.

Tozier Treasurer Assistant
After the let down of finding that working for the Treasury doesn't mean he gets to roll around in piles of money, Toz decided that he still had enough fun to make it worth returning... Mostly because he loves filling out bios to see who reads them!

Woody Timothy J. Wood Treasurer Director
MFF 2014 marks this urban mutt's eleventh Midwest Furfest... Which was: one before getting roped into, three behind a registration desk, two running Logistics and now five as Treasurer. And now, as Chairman-Elect for Midwest Furfest 2015, he plans on spending every waking minute following Perro around and harassing... er... trying to learn everything he can about how to be a Con Chair.
This year, he would like to remind you that the chaos of conventions fades into a blur. What you'll ultimately remember, are the moments you stopped to make time for friends, the dinners you left the building for and the panels where you met someone new who shared your interests. Don't let the most of this weekend pass you by, enjoy it!

Cryptowolf Volunteer Head

Gadget Hackwrench Natasha Ortiz
Volunteer Co-Director
Hailing from the great city of New York, now in Wisconsin, Metallix has come here to help out the wonderful folks of the con. Enjoys card games and making people smile as she works hard on a laptop.

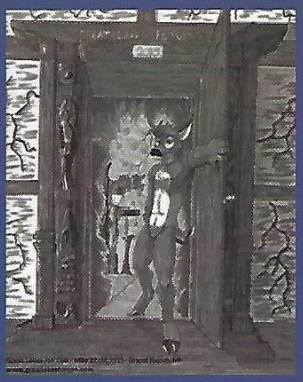
Khzhak Volunteer

Pouncer Bryan Moe Volunteer
A wonderfully artistic lion dude from the strange land of Wisconsin. Has been enjoying the challenge of making sure each department get teh volunteers they need and helping out when I can. Secretly draws ponies when nobody is looking.

STOP!!! .....CONTINUE!!! Volunteer

Westcott Eddie Volunteer
Your friendly neighborhood Help Desk Squiddle Man!

Great Lakes Fur Con
Back Through The Wardrobe



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CODE OF CONDUCT

Midwest FurFest's guiding principle of behavior is:

"Use common sense, and be courteous of others."

Because Midwest FurFest is responsible to the hotel for the behavior of its members, this Code of Conduct applies for the duration of members' time the hotel premises regardless of whether the convention has officially begun or ended.

In order to provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable atmosphere for all convention attendees, each attending member of Midwest FurFest agrees to abide by the Midwest FurFest Code of Conduct as a condition of attendance and receiving a badge. By following the simple guidelines below you will ensure that you, as well as the people around you, have a safe and enjoyable convention experience.

GENERAL RATING AND BEHAVIOR

Public spaces open to patrons of our host hotel are rated 'PG' at all times. All programming during the day will be open and appropriate for all members of Midwest FurFest. During the evening hours, some events may contain strong language or adult themes these events will be restricted to mature audiences only, and minors under the age of 18 will not be admitted without their parent or guardian. Convention Security will check badges at the doors of these events.

As part of the PG rating, we require that parents accompanying children under the age of 16 be aware of where their child is and what their child is doing at all times.

Individuals violating the public rating will be warned once. A second offense will result in the confiscation of their convention badge, and revocation of their membership privileges. Violations can include, but are not limited to: wearing unacceptably revealing clothing, openly displaying adult artwork, and lewd public displays of affection.

Shirts, pants, and footwear must be worn at all times when outside of your hotel room. Collars are acceptable attire, however leashes are not.

For safety reasons, fursuits are not permitted in the hotel restaurants and bars.

Throwing any items from the balconies or over railings in the Atrium is not permitted under any circumstances. Additionally, the flying of remote-controlled aircraft of any kind inside the hotel is prohibited and is grounds for removal from the hotel. As for flying outside, please note that the Hyatt Regency O'Hare is directly adjacent to O'Hare International Airport. Per FAA guidance, flying remote-controlled aircraft is prohibited within five miles of an airport. Leave the copters at home, please.

Sleeping in the public spaces or convention spaces of the hotel is not permitted.

Midwest FurFest events and function spaces are open only to members, and all attendees should wear their membership badges at all times. A membership badge is valid only for the person to whom it was issued. Badges may not be shared under any circumstances.

There is no smoking in any area within the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, including the guest rooms (except for designated smoking sleeping rooms). Smokers are asked to use designated smoking areas and to comply with any other smoking rules imposed by the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Cigarette butts must be disposed of properly and not left on the ground. It is the policy of the Hyatt Regency O'Hare to treat e-cigarettes and vaporizers exactly the same as smoking tobacco. They are subject to the same restrictions stated above.

Do not affix anything to the walls of the hotel, to the elevators, to Midwest FurFest signage, or to hotel room doors. The offering for sale of any merchandise at the convention may be undertaken only in the Dealers Room or Artists Alley. In all cases sales will be governed by the rules applicable to those areas. It is forbidden to sell any other merchandise or services in any other areas, including Con Suite, unless express permission is granted in writing by the chairman.

Elevators have historically been a difficult issue for furry conventions, and Midwest FurFest is no exception. At peak times when the elevator traffic becomes too congested, it may be necessary for Convention Security to handle traffic flow. Attendees are requested to form orderly lines and wait for an elevator as instructed. The following are permitted to move to the head of the line without question (in order of priority):

1. Non-convention attendees (including food deliveries)

2. Those with impaired mobility

3. Fursuiters (with ONE handler)

No other exceptions will be made.

Please note that only service animals as defined in 28 CFR 36.104 of the Americans with Disabilities Act are permitted in the convention function space and function space hallways. No other animals will be permitted in those areas. Exceptions will be made for the convention-designated charity organization(s).

MINORS AT MIDWEST FURFEST

Anyone who is under the age of 18 years at any time during the convention must present a signed and notarized parental permission form, unless accompanied by a parent or able to produce evidence of legal emancipation. There are no exceptions.

Minors are not permitted under any circumstances to enter areas that have been designated for mature audiences.

Anyone providing false documentation of identity or age will be denied membership and reported to the police.

HARASSMENT

Midwest FurFest is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, or personal beliefs. We do not tolerate harassment of convention attendees, volunteers, staff, or guests.

We investigate reports of harassment and will take appropriate action to respond to legitimate claims including but not limited to revocation of convention membership, barring offending persons from convention space, and informing the Hyatt that offending persons are no longer eligible for the convention room rate. This may, at the Hyatt's discretion, result in additional action such as but not limited to revocation of the convention room rate.

Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc. also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to refer reports of harassment to Hyatt security and to law enforcement.

People who harass our attendees, volunteers, staff, and guests (including by attempting to abuse this policy) are not welcome at Midwest FurFest. Don't do it.

CONVENTION SECURITY

Convention security volunteers enforce our Code of Conduct. A security ribbon affixed to their badge easily identifies them. Enforcement is a two-step process. On first offense, you will be given a warning. If a second

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offense occurs, security will confiscate your badge and all convention membership privileges will be revoked without a refund. In extreme cases, the warning may be bypassed.

Convention badges are the property of Midwest FurFest for the duration of the convention and must be presented and/or surrendered to any Midwest FurFest staff member upon request. If you have a complaint about any action taken by a staff member, you may take the matter up with the Convention Chairman. While every attempt at reasonable complaint resolution will be made, behavior that threatens the well-being of our members will not be tolerated.

CONTROLLED & ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Midwest FurFest is a dry convention. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in convention spaces. Convention members observed to be visibly intoxicated in public convention space will be asked to retire to their private hotel room.

Midwest FurFest has a zero tolerance policy towards illegal substances. Any convention member found to be selling or otherwise distributing any controlled substance will have their membership immediately revoked, and will be immediately reported to the local police.

Anyone knowingly or unknowingly providing alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 will be guilty of a felony and will be turned over to the authorities. It is the sole responsibility of persons serving alcohol in room parties to ensure that every person in attendance is over the age of 21, even if that person is not drinking alcohol.

WEAPONS & REPLICAS

No functioning or realistic appearing firearm may be carried or displayed in convention space at any time. If the weapon can fire any projectile or cause annoyance to others, it is not allowed.

Edged weapons may be worn as a costume accessory only if they are covered by a sheath that covers all sharp edges and points. The weapon must also be secured from removal by a cord or tie (often referred to as 'peace bonding'). Temporary exceptions may be made for newly purchased weapons carried DIRECTLY to one's room or out of the hotel.

Pocket knives with single-edged blades less than 5 inches in length are exempt.

Brandishing any weapon for any reason is not allowed, and will result in the confiscation of the weapon for the duration of the convention, and a warning from security. Repeated warnings will result in revocation of membership.

The Hyatt Regency O'Hare does not permit firearms of any kind of their property. There are no exceptions to this policy, even if you have a concealed-carry license.

If you are unsure of the acceptability of an item, we encourage you to contact Convention Security prior to the convention for advisement.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO FILMING

Photography and video filming by convention members for personal use is generally allowed in all common areas of Midwest FurFest. Please note that there is no photography or filming allowed in the Art Show. Show courtesy when photographing or filming individuals or costumes and ask permission first. If an individual does not wish to be photographed or filmed, please respect their wishes.

Photography, filming, or taping for the purpose of sale, publication, public media, or dissemination is expressly prohibited without written authorization from Midwest FurFest. All pictures, film, and tape shall be for personal use only.

All journalists, media photographers, and any other members of the press are required to display an official Midwest FurFest Press Badge and be accompanied by a member of Midwest FurFest staff at all times while in the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, or any Midwest FurFest hotel. Members of the press who have not been issued a Press Badge may not conduct interviews or take photographs, audio or video footage without an escort and may be subject to removal from hotel property. Media representatives who do not have Press Badges and are not escorted by Midwest FurFest staff member should be reported to Convention Security staff or to Convention Operations immediately.

The names "Midwest FurFest" and "FurFest" are registered service marks of Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc., and must not be used in any fashion that disparages or dilutes that mark. Members agree to remove from circulation or publication any image or recording that in the sole opinion of Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc. misrepresents or defames its service mark.

REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Midwest FurFest prides itself in welcoming furry fans from all walks of life, but we acknowledge that we also have a responsibility to help ensure the safety of congoers. Thus: Any member who is deemed by the chairman of Midwest FurFest (or his or her designee) to have seriously violated these Rules of Conduct may have their membership suspended for the duration of the convention. Additionally, that individual is automatically prohibited from registering for any subsequent conventions any events sponsored by Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc. until such time as their attendance is approved by the Board of Directors of Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc.

A suspended member may appeal their prohibition in writing, and only in writing, to the Board of Directors at Post Office Box 288, Park Ridge, IL 60068 before the next convention. The Board of Directors reserves the final authority to grant or deny membership.

If a member is prohibited by the hotel management from its premises for any reason, Midwest FurFest has no choice but to revoke current membership and deny future membership for the duration of the hotel ban.

Midwest FurFest reserves the right to change, amend, or modify these rules at any time without prior notice.

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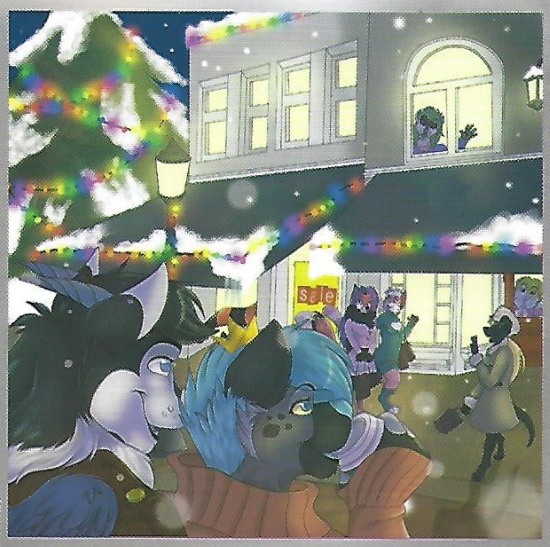
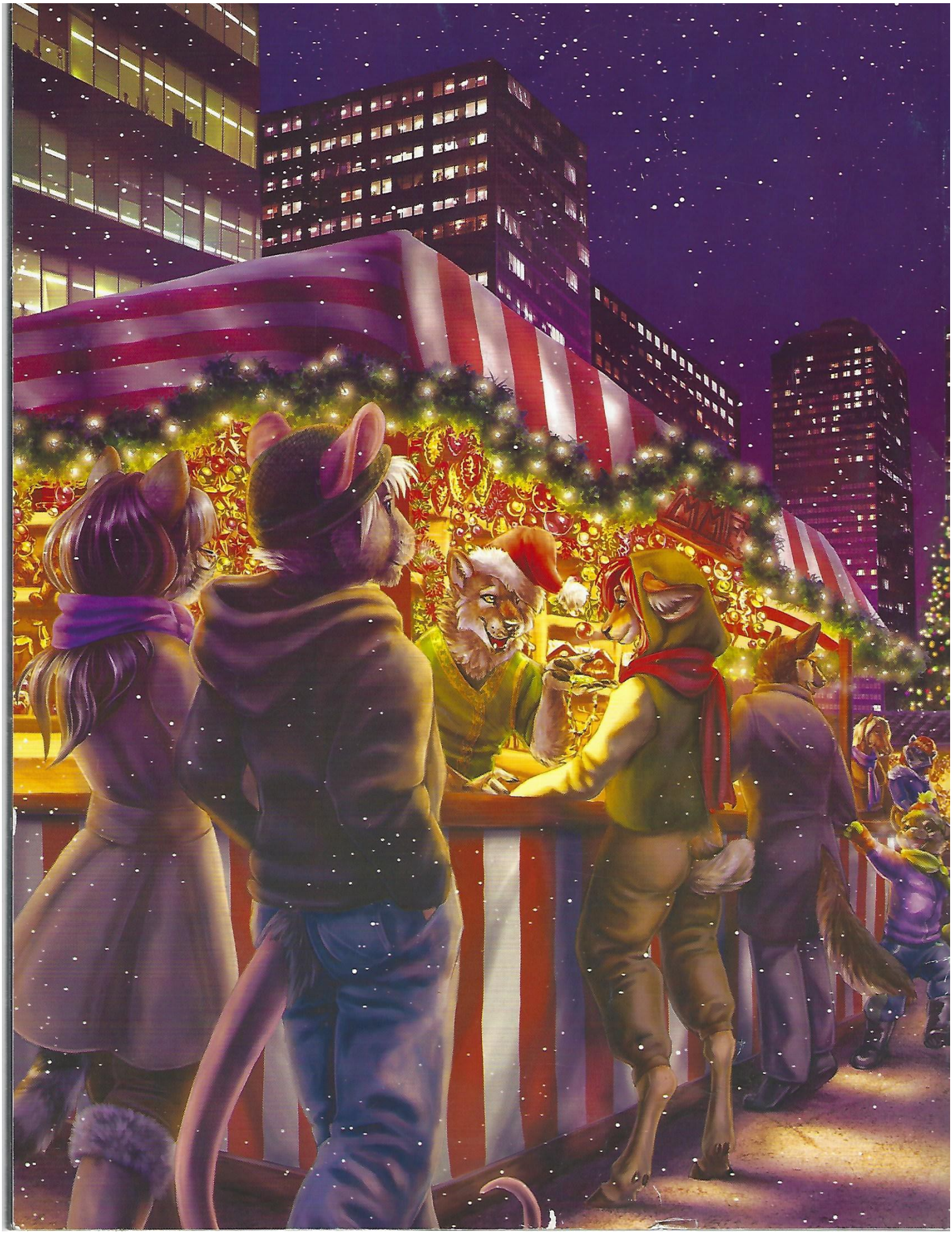
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